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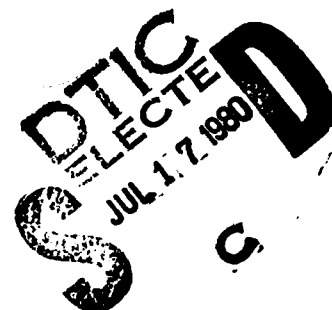
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## INTRODUCTION

Under Contract DAAA 25-74-C-0448, the Boeing Vertol Company and the Aluminum Company of America conducted a program to evaluate the properties of thermally/mechanically processed and heat-treated 7475 aluminum alloy forgings in 25-, 51-, and 170-mm (1.0-, 2.0-, and 6.7-inch) thicknesses. A four task program was conducted to provide information for the development of industrial techniques for producing improved aluminum alloy forgings. These techniques, involving intermediate thermal-mechanical treatment of ingot, were evaluated on the basis of microstructure, mechanical properties, fracture and fatigue properties, and resistance to stress corrosion. The details of that program are presented in Reference 1.

The results of that program, which primarily involved testing of coupons of material, indicated weight and/or cost savings are possible by the use of thermal/mechanical treatment of 7475 aluminum alloy. With respect to the program goal; to achieve in Intermediate Thermal-Mechanical Treated (ITMT) aluminum alloy forgings, properties which are equivalent to or twenty percent better than conventional 7075-T73 forging properties, the following specific measures of mechanical properties performance were realized:

1. The tensile properties of ITMT aluminum alloy forgings are equivalent to those of 7075-T73 forgings.
2. The fracture-toughness values of ITMT aluminum alloy forgings are as much as 62 percent higher than those of conventional 7075-T73 forgings.
3. The fatigue properties of ITMT aluminum alloy forgings are 5 to 75 percent better than conventional 7075-T73 forging properties.
4. The stress corrosion properties of ITMT aluminum alloy forgings are equivalent to those obtained by conventional 7075-T73 forging practices.

On the basis of the potential identified for a cost effective means of saving weight in helicopter components, it was recommended to implement a program for the fabrication and evaluation of actual helicopter components using ITMT process aluminum alloy forgings.

The program described herein could be considered Phase II of the program referred to previously. In the present program the special technologies of the material producer and airframe manufacturer have again been combined. The material producer, the Aluminum Company of America, applied recently developed methods of forging fabrication to produce helicopter component forgings. The airframe manufacturer, the Boeing Vertol Company, coordinated the fabrication of the components and conducted the structural evaluation. This evaluation considered two types of helicopter components, a bellcrank and a drive scissors arm. Samples of each type of component were fabricated from three aluminum alloy forging systems; two ITMT processed aluminum alloys and one conventionally processed aluminum alloy.

## DISCUSSION

The Boeing Vertol Company, with subcontracted support from the Aluminum Company of America, conducted a four task program to provide and test helicopter dynamic system components manufactured from intermediate thermal-mechanical treated aluminum alloy forgings. This program is considered Phase II to the program conducted under Contract DAAA 25-74-C-0448. Therefore, in the list of tasks which follow, the task numbers start with number V; the previous four tasks having been accomplished under the previously cited contract.

The primary objectives of this program (Phase II) are to demonstrate that ITMT processes can be applied to production forgings ranging in thickness from 13 to 76mm (0.5 to 3.0 inches), and that improvements similar to those measured in coupons can be achieved in actual helicopter hardware.

To achieve these objectives, four tasks were identified for accomplishment.

### TASK V PROVIDE PRODUCTION FORGINGS

Task V primarily involved fabrication of production forgings. These forgings were provided for the following helicopter dynamic system components meeting the objective dimensional requirements.

Helicopter Model	Component	Forging Nominal Thickness Dimension (mm)
CH-46	Drive Scissors Arm	13 to 51 (0.5 to 2.0 inches)
CH-46	Lateral Differential Bellcrank	51 to 76 (2.0 to 3.0 inches)

Forgings for each type of component were made by the following alloy/processing systems.

Aluminum Alloy	Processing
7075	T73 Commercial Alloy
7149	ITMT
7475	ITMT

Commercial 7075-T73, 7475, and 7149 aluminum alloy forgings were procured for each of the components. Processing by ITMT was accomplished on the 7475 and 7149 materials prior to the production die forging operation and in such a manner that the production forging operations could be utilized without modification to complete the forgings. A total of 66 forgings were procured.

## TASK VI FABRICATE DYNAMIC COMPONENTS

During Task VI, all components were manufactured by current production methods and according to current drawing specifications. A total of 48 complete component assemblies were fabricated.

## TASK VII CONDUCT TESTS ON DYNAMIC COMPONENTS

Fatigue properties and damage tolerance properties of the helicopter dynamic system components fabricated from the various alloy/processing combinations were determined by test. Fatigue strength properties were established for both the bellcrank assembly and the drive scissors arm assembly. Typically, these bench fatigue tests were conducted under constant amplitude loading which developed data over the cyclic life range from  $1 \times 10^5$  to  $5 \times 10^7$  cycles. A total of 36 full-scale components were bench fatigue tested.

Where practical, damage tolerance data was also obtained, this was accomplished by measuring the fatigue crack growth in certain of the components subsequent to the initiation and detection of the initial cracking.

As part of the initial program, it was proposed that additional damage tolerance information in the form of ballistic impact resistance be evaluated. The procuring agency was to coordinate the implementation of the actual ballistics testing. At the time of preparation of this report, the ballistic testing had not been completed and, therefore, no ballistic impact resistance data is presented in this report.

## TASK VIII ANALYZE AND EVALUATE DATA

The objectives of this task were the analysis and evaluation of the mechanical properties data developed in the previous task and the assessment of the impact of any demonstrated improved mechanical properties on the weight and cost of helicopter components.

The influence of processing on properties was to be identified with primary emphasis placed on ranking the processing techniques with respect to their capability to improve fatigue and damage tolerance resistance properties. The properties obtained from the conventionally processed 7075-T73 forgings were compared with the properties exhibited by the forgings fabricated by the advanced alloy/process combinations.

Each of these four tasks is discussed in detail in the following sections of this report.

## TASK V PROVIDE PRODUCTION FORGINGS

The primary objective of this task was the processing of forgings for two typical types of helicopter components utilizing both conventional techniques and advanced techniques, the latter to produce a fine-grained recrystallized structure associated with improvements in certain mechanical properties. In the discussion which follows, information is presented relative to the components, the general processing background, and the specific details relative to the materials utilized and the procedures by which they were processed.

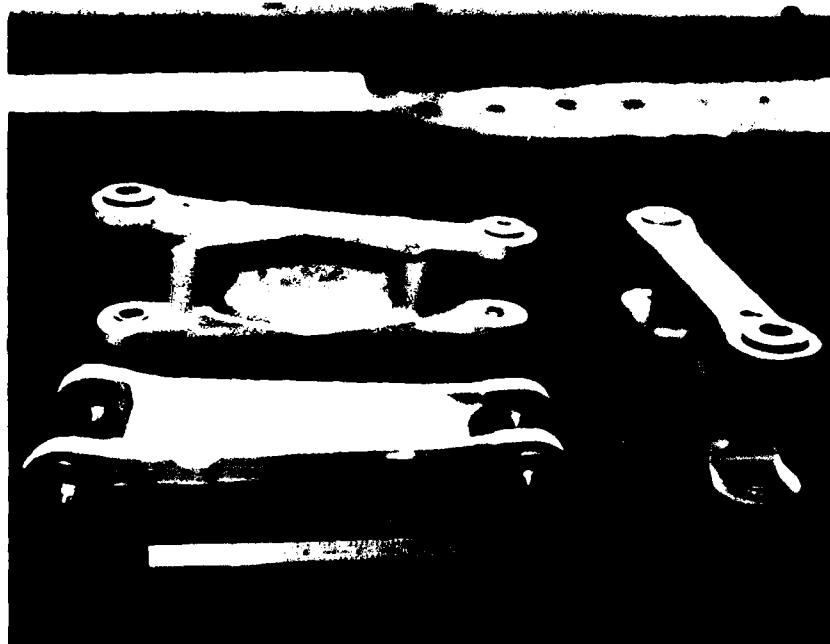
### COMPONENTS

Two types of helicopter dynamic system components were selected as vehicles for evaluating the potential of the advanced processing for improving mechanical properties. The two components are the lateral differential bellcrank assembly and the drive scissors arm assembly. The drawings defining the geometry of these components and their general characteristic thicknesses are summarized below.

Component Description	Drawing Numbers Defining Component Geometry (Drawings contained in Appendix)		Forging Nominal Thickness Dimension (mm)
	Basic Detailed Geometry	Modification for Test Program	
Drive Scissors Arm Assembly	107R3598	SK27177	13 to 51 (0.5 to 2.0 inches)
Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly	107C2652	SK27176	51 to 76 (2.0 to 3.0 inches)

Photographs of each of these components are shown in Figures 1 and 2. Both components are located in the helicopter control system. Figures 3 and 4 show the locations of these components with respect to the helicopter rotor control system. These components are considered flight critical since failure of one of these components could possibly lead to loss of the aircraft. The governing mode of loading which controlled the structural design of these components was fatigue. At the time of the writing of this report, these components are fabricated from 2014-T6 aluminum alloy forgings and utilized successfully on the H-46 series helicopters built by the Boeing Vertol Company. The components were selected for evaluation of other alloy/processing combinations for the following reasons.

- The components are typical of a wide range of military and commercial helicopter parts fabricated from aluminum forgings.
- The component geometries encompass a range of thicknesses, thereby permitting a more comprehensive evaluation of the processes.
- The dies and tooling for the components were available.



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Figure 1. Drive Scissors Arm Assembly



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Figure 2. Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly

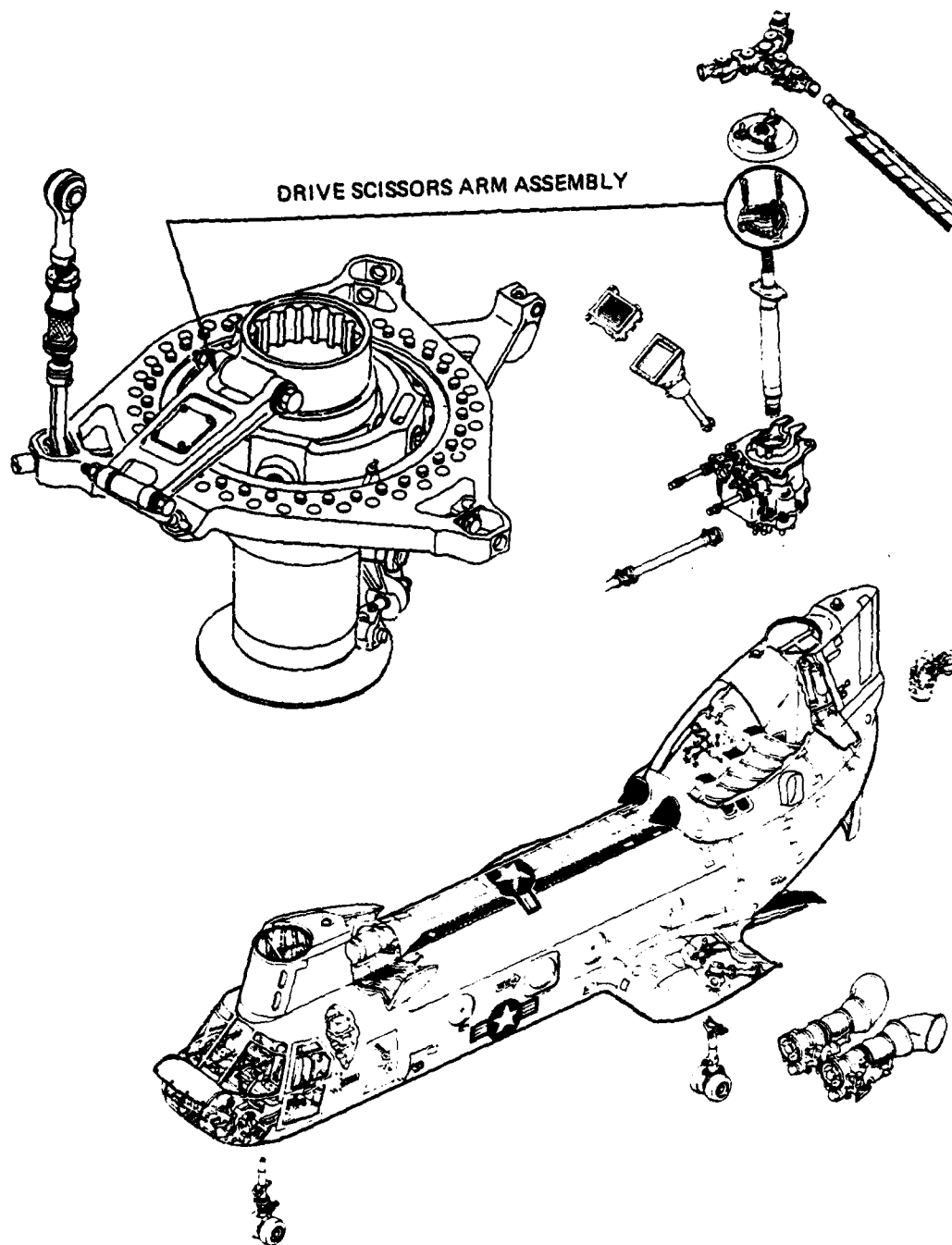


Figure 3. Location of Drive Scissors Arm Assembly With Respect to Helicopter Rotor Control System



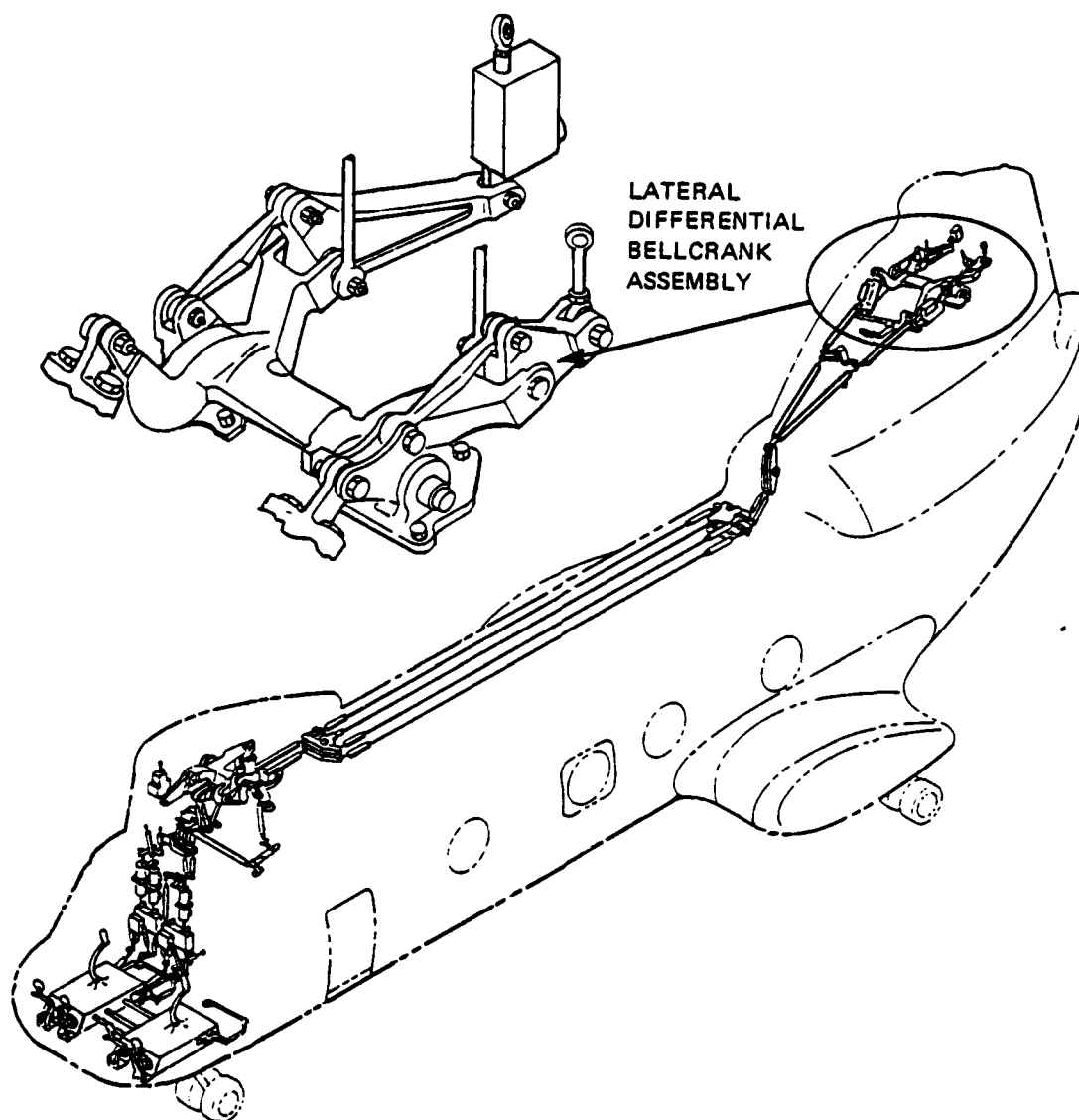


Figure 4. Location of Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly with Respect to Helicopter Rotor Control System

- Basic fatigue test data for the components exist and provide baseline information with which subsequent data can be compared.
- The manner of fatigue failure in test of the two types of components could differ, thereby providing additional information on which to evaluate the processes. (This item is discussed in detail under Task VIII, Analyze and Evaluate Data.)

## PROCESSING BACKGROUND

Intermediate thermal-mechanical treatments are processes designed to produce a fine-grained recrystallized structure favorable for high fracture toughness. Originally, ITMT processes were developed for 7XXX Series aluminum alloy plate. As part of an earlier program described in Reference 1, it was demonstrated that similar processes were commercially feasible for hand forgings. Basically, this was achieved by first forging the ingot in the conventional manner and then forging at lower-than-conventional temperatures to introduce a high degree of strain hardening. The forgings then were given a high temperature thermal treatment during which the high degree of strain hardening promoted recrystallization to a relatively fine-grained, equiaxed structure.

In the program described herein, the most promising ITMT process, developed under the previous program of Reference 1, was used to prepare hand-forged forging stock. Appropriate size billets were machined from the ITMT forge stock. The billets were then die forged into two helicopter components using standard commercial die forging practices. The two components also were produced as conventional 7075-T73 die forgings for comparison.

## MATERIAL AND PROCEDURE

### Alloys

Two alloys, 7475 and 7149, were evaluated for response to ITMT processing. Alloy 7475 is a high purity modification of 7075 developed to provide high fracture toughness. At present it is produced commercially only in the form of rolled sheet and plate. Alloy 7049 was developed to provide better strength than 7075.

Alloy 7149 is a high-purity version of 7049 to promote better fracture toughness.

### Ingot

Direct chill ingots 457mm (18 inches) in diameter were cast in alloys 7475 and 7149. The ingots were homogenized using their respective commercial preheat treatments. Following this, they were scalped and sawed to a 365mm (14 inches) diameter by 660mm (26 inches) length for fabrication into ITMT forging stock. Preheating and all subsequent thermal operations were performed in circulating air furnaces.

## Fabrication

### Forging Stock

The ITMT hand forged stock was produced using the practices detailed in Table 1. The operation is shown schematically in Figure 5.

Forging operations II-A through II-D were performed at conventional forging temperatures and represent a kneading type operation which has the objective of producing a thoroughly worked forged structure. Operations II-E through II-G are the intermediate thermomechanical operations that produce the fine grained, highly recrystallized structure; while operation II-H is merely a final sizing operation.

The finished ITMT forged slabs were sonic inspected to MIL-I-890B1 Class A standards and the required number of blanks were taken from sound areas.

Round 64mm (2.5 inches) 7075-F forged rod, purchased from a warehouse distributor, was used as stock for the conventional die forgings.

### Die Forgings

Two die forged shapes were produced:

- Lateral differential bellcrank, Boeing Vertol Company Part Number 107C2652-F, Drawing Number SK27176, forged by Alcoa-Cleveland Works on Die Number 14893.
- Drive scissors arm, Boeing Vertol Company Part Number 107R3598-F3, Drawing Number SK27177, forged by the D.L. Auld Company.

Conventional die forging practices were used to produce 12 pieces of each shape in alloys 7149 and 7475 and 15 pieces of each shape in alloy 7075. The practice used by ALCOA consisted of two operations in the finish die (there is no blocker die) at 416°C (780°F). Each forging was penetrant inspected and met the requirements of MIL-I-6866B2, Type I, Method A.

All the F Temper forgings were heat treated to the T73 temper at ALCOA Laboratories using the practices listed in Table 2.

One piece of each die forging was destructively tested to obtain remelt-chemical composition, electrical conductivity and tensile properties of a specimen taken perpendicular to the parting plane. The results of these quality control tests are listed in Table 3. The chemical compositions are all well within the registered limits of the respective alloys. The electrical conductivity and tensile properties all exceed the minimum values required for 7075-T73.

Table 1. Fabrication Steps to Produce ITMT Forging Stock

	STEP	REFERENCE TO FIGURE 5	ALLOY	DESCRIPTION OF FABRICATION STEP
STARTING MATERIAL	I	-	ALL	SCALPED AND PREHEATED 265MM DIAMETER BY 660MM LONG (14 x 26 INCHES) 7149 AND 7475 INDOT SECTIONS. INDOTS PREHEATED USING STANDARD COMMERCIAL PRACTICES.
	II A	-	ALL	HEAT TO 413°C (775°F)
	II B	-	ALL	FORGE AT 413 TO 340°C (775 TO 650°F) AS FOLLOWS DRAW TO 279 x 279 x 830MM (11 x 11 x 33 INCHES)
		(1) (2) (3)		"A" UPSET AND DRAW TO 318 x 318 x 660MM (12.5 x 12.5 x 26 INCHES) "B" UPSET AND DRAW TO 318 x 318 x 660MM (12.5 x 12.5 x 26 INCHES)
FORGING OPERATIONS	II C	-	ALL	REHEAT TO 413°C (775°F)
	II D	-	ALL	FORGE AT 413°C TO 340°C (775 TO 650°F) "A" UPSET AND DRAW TO 292 x 292 x 762MM (11.5 x 11.5 x 30 INCHES)
	II E	-	7149	ANNEAL 2 HOURS AT 471 TO 460°C (880 TO 860°F), COOL TO 413°C (775°F) 2 HOURS AT 413 TO 401°C (775 TO 755°F), COOL TO 260°C (500°F) 4 HOURS AT 260 TO 249°C (500 TO 480°F)
			7475	2 HOURS AT 516 TO 504°C (960 TO 940°F), COOL TO 413°C (775°F) 2 HOURS AT 413 TO 401°C (775 TO 755°F), COOL TO 260°C (500°F) 4 HOURS AT 260 TO 249°C (500 TO 480°F)
	II F	-	ALL	FORGE AT 230 TO 204°C (450 TO 400°F) "B" UPSET AND DRAW TO 99 x 397 x 1651MM (3.9 x 15.6 x 65 INCHES) NOTE: THE HANDFORGED SLABS OF BOTH ALLOYS INCURRED CONSIDERABLE CRACKING DURING THE 230 TO 204°C FORGING OPERATION. CONSEQUENTLY THE SLABS WERE SONIC INSPECTED AT THIS STAGE AND THE CRACKED AREAS REMOVED BY SAWING BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FURTHER PROCESSING.
	II G	-	7149 7475	RECRYSTALLIZE 10 HOURS AT 460 TO 471°C (860 TO 880°F), AIR COOL 10 HOURS AT 504 TO 516°C (940 TO 960°F), AIR COOL
	II H	-	ALL	FINISH FORGE AT 413 TO 340°C (775 TO 650°F) DRAW TO 70MM (2.75 INCHES) THICK HANDFORGED SLAB
	II I	-	ALL	SAW 24 BLANKS OF EACH ALLOY, SAWED SIZE 70 x 70 x 280MM LONG (2.75 x 2.75 x 11-INCHES LONG)
	II J	-	ALL	MACHINE BLANKS TO 70MM DIAMETER BY 280MM LONG (2.75-INCHES DIAMETER BY 11-INCHES LONG) BILLETS FOR DIE FORGING

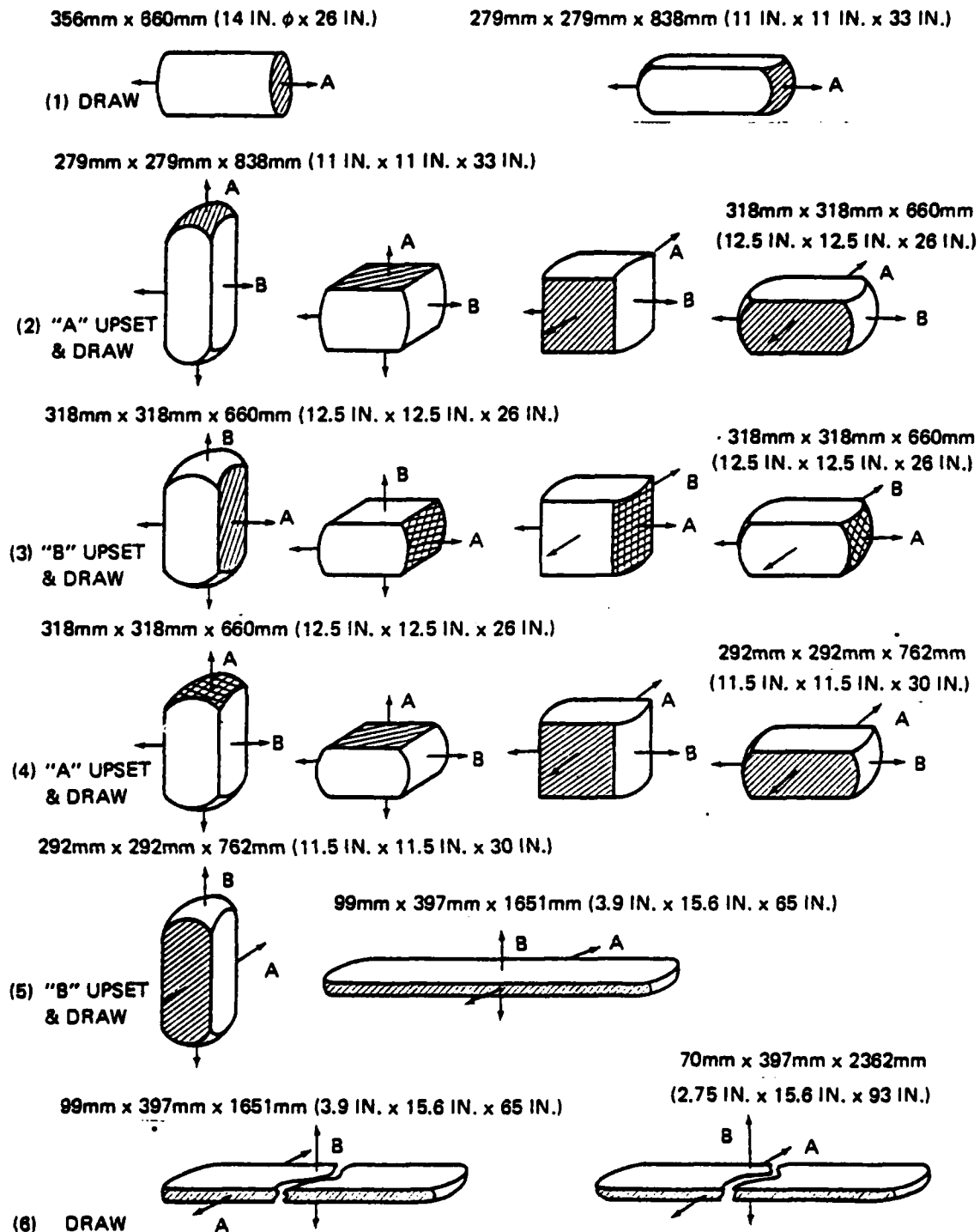


Figure 5. Forging Sequences Used to Produce 70mm x 397mm x 2362mm (2.75 IN. x 15.6 IN. x 93 IN.) 7149 and 7475 ITMT Hand Forgings

Table 2. Solution Heat-Treat, Quench and Aging Practices

PROCESS	ALLOY	PRACTICE
SOLUTION HEAT TREAT	7075-T73	4 HOURS AT 471°C (880°F)
	7475-T73	4 HOURS AT 516°C (960°F)
	7149-T73	4 HOURS AT 466°C (870°F)
QUENCH	ALL	QUENCH IN WATER AT 25°C (77°F)
NATURAL AGE	ALL	FOUR DAYS AT AMBIENT ROOM TEMPERATURE
ARTIFICIAL AGING	7075-T73	4 HOURS AT 121°C (250°F) PLUS 7.5 HOURS AT 177°C (350°F)
	7475-T73	4 HOURS AT 121°C (250°F) PLUS 9 HOURS AT 177°C (350°F)
	7149-T73	4 HOURS AT 121°C (250°F) PLUS 8 HOURS AT 177°C (350°F)
	NOTE: FOR THE SECOND STEP 177°C (350°F) AGE, A 3 HOUR HEAT UP RATE WAS USED, FOLLOWED BY ALCOA 420 PRACTICE INTEGRATOR AGING	

Table 3. Properties of Forging Materials

Chemical Compositions of the Three Forging Stock Alloys

ALLOY	REMET COMPOSITION BY ELEMENT, PERCENT							
	Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Ni	Zn
7075	0.08	0.18	1.52	0.02	2.50	0.22	0.00	5.62
7475	0.04	0.05	1.69	0.00	2.23	0.22	0.00	5.66
7149	0.05	0.12	1.57	0.00	2.59	0.15	0.00	7.80

Electrical Conductivities and Tensile Properties of the Six T73 Temper Die Forgings

TYPE OF FORGING	ALLOY	S. NUMBER	ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY PERCENT IACS	TENSILE PROPERTIES PERPENDICULAR TO PARTING PLANE		
				TENSILE STRENGTH MPa (KSI)	YIELD STRENGTH MPa (KSI)	ELONGATION PERCENT IN 4D
BELL CRANK	7075-T73	SK271176-2F	41.0	485 (70.4)	412 (59.8)	6.2
	7475-T73	SK271176-4F	40.6	488 (70.8)	418 (60.6)	7.8
	7149-T73	SK271176-6F	40.9	501 (72.7)	421 (61.0)	9.4
DRIVE SCISSORS ARM	7075-T73	SK271177-F11	40.5	494 (71.6)	434 (63.0)	8.6
	7475-T73	SK271177-F13	40.6	505 (73.2)	438 (63.5)	9.4
	7149-T73	SK271177-F12	41.9	512 (74.2)	436 (63.3)	11.7
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR 7075-T73				425 (62.0)	365 (53.0)	3.0

## TASK VI FABRICATE DYNAMIC COMPONENTS

Upon receipt of the die forgings for each of the types of components, fabrication proceeded in a manner identical to that utilized for production components. Eleven forgings were received for each alloy/component combination; a total of 66 forgings for the program. Eight forgings out of each group of eleven were then processed to final test specimen assemblies; the other three being held as contingency in the event of spoilage during machining or assembly. A total of 48 complete assemblies was provided.

The test specimen assemblies were fabricated according to the same manufacturing plan as the corresponding production components. The same tooling, machine settings, machining fluids, finishes and quality control/inspection parameters were utilized. Twenty-four drive scissors arm forgings were finish machined at the Boeing Company's Auburn, Washington facility. The bushings and bearings required to complete the assembly were installed at the Boeing Vertol Company. A sample of a complete drive scissors arm assembly is shown in Figure 1. Twenty-four bellcrank assemblies were fabricated by Southwest Manufacturing Inc., Wichita, Kansas. This contractor has been the source for machining and assembly of the production component. A sample of a complete lateral differential bellcrank assembly is shown in Figure 2.



## TASK VII CONDUCT TESTS ON DYNAMIC COMPONENTS

Under this task, fatigue and damage tolerance testing was conducted on the two types of specimens. In the material which follows, the test setup, test procedures and test data associated with each of the components are discussed. All the testing described below was conducted at the Boeing Vertol Company Structural Testing Laboratory Facilities.

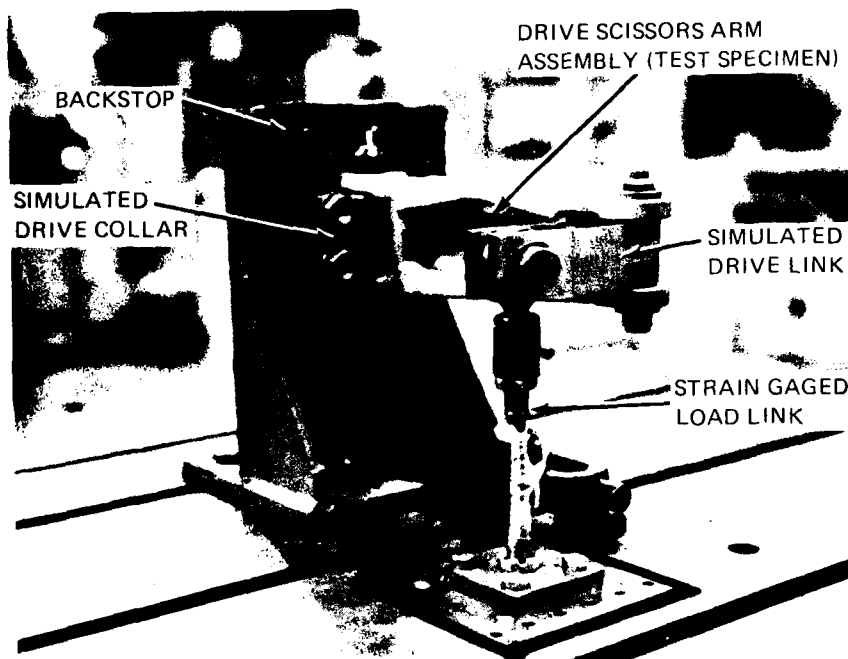
### DRIVE SCISSORS ARM ASSEMBLY

A total of 18 drive scissors arm assembly specimens, six of each of three types of alloy/processing combinations, was bench fatigue tested.

Each specimen was installed in the test fixture which was designed to produce a manner of loading representative of that associated with the aircraft. The bench test setup with a specimen installed is shown in Figure 6. One end of the specimen was attached to a backstop via a simulated drive collar. Hardware representative of the aircraft was used to assemble the drive arm to the simulated drive collar. The backstop was mounted to a SF-IU Sonntag-Universal Fatigue Machine. The other end of the specimen was attached to a simulated drive link, again using representative hardware. The drive link was oriented at 65 degrees included angle with respect to the drive arm. This orientation is representative of a neutral control position on the helicopter. A strain gaged and calibrated load link provided the load input from the fatigue machine to the drive arm specimen via a universal rod end bearing and the simulated drive link.

The bench fatigue testing was conducted under constant amplitude loading conditions. At a given load condition, one of each of three types of specimens (7075, 7149, and 7475 aluminum alloys) was tested. Tests were conducted sequentially by load condition with each successive specimen being of a different alloy. The specimens were selected randomly. To minimize the number of test variables, all testing was conducted with the same test fixture on the same test machine. The same personnel were responsible for conducting the entire series of tests. New attaching hardware was utilized with each specimen. The attaching bolts were lubricated with molybdenum disulfide grease and torqued to consistent values. The loading was controlled via the calibrated strain-gaged load link and further checked by machine setting and machine platen deflection. The steady and alternating loads were measured by an Ellis Associates Model BA-13 Bridge Amplifier as displayed on an oscilloscope. The test fatigue load frequency was a constant 30 Hertz. The testing was accomplished in a laboratory air environment at ambient room temperature during the time period from 25 October 1978 to 28 April 1979.

The data resulting from the bench fatigue tests of the drive scissors arm assemblies is summarized in Table 4. Typical modes of failure of these test specimens are shown in Figures 7 through 9.



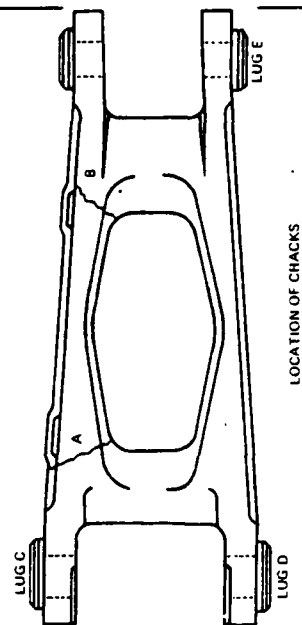
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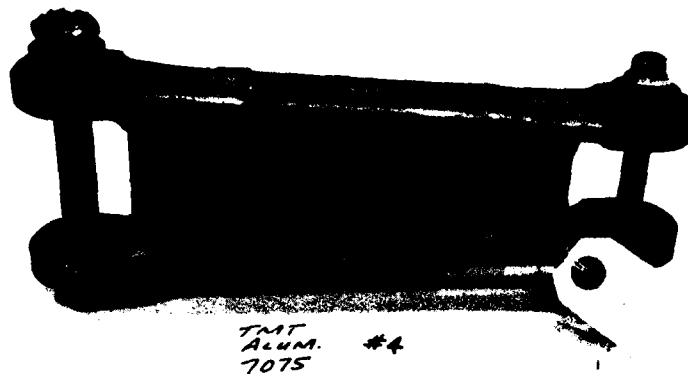
Figure 6. Drive Scissors Arm Assembly, Bench Fatigue Test Setup

Table 4. Summary of Test Data From Bench Fatigue Tests of Drive Scissors Arm Assemblies

TEST DATE	START	END	SPECIMEN SK 27177 DESCRIPTION	NO.	ALLOY/CONDITION	Bolt Torque, Newton-Meter (Inch-Lb)		APPLIED LOAD NEWTONS (LB)	CYCLES x 10 <sup>6</sup>	REMARKS
						16mm (5/8 IN.)	11mm (7/16 IN.)			
10-25-78	12-14-78	1	7075-T73	1	28.2	28.2	28.2	2669 ± 2669	2.372	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION A
12-08-78	12-08-78	1	7475-T73 ITMT	1	27.1	28.2	28.2	2669 ± 2669	0.169	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION B
10-28-78	12-13-78	1	7149-T73 ITMT	1	28.2	28.2	28.2	2669 ± 2669	15.232	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION B
12-14-78	12-14-78	2	7075-T73	2	33.9	28.2	28.2	2891 ± 2891	0.235	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
12-15-78	12-15-78	2	7475-T73 ITMT	2	33.9	28.2	28.2	2891 ± 2891	0.456	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
12-14-78	12-14-78	2	7149-T73 ITMT	2	33.9	28.2	28.2	2891 ± 2891	0.108	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
12-18-78	12-20-78	3	7075-T73	3	33.9	28.2	28.2	2780 ± 2780	3.058	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION B
01-02-79	01-02-79	3	7475-T73 ITMT	3	28.2	28.2	28.2	2780 ± 2780	0.130	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION B
12-20-78	12-21-78	3	7149-T73 ITMT	3	28.2	28.2	28.2	2780 ± 2780	2.321	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG D
12-21-78	12-21-78	4	7075-T73	4	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	0.303	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION B
01-03-79	01-08-79	4	7475-T73 ITMT	4	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	6.233	FAILURE: CRACK SIMILAR TO LOCATION A
01-08-79	01-19-79	4	7149-T73 ITMT	4	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	30.000	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
01-22-79	02-10-79	5	7075-T73	5	28.2	28.2	28.2	2224 ± 2224	51.783	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
02-11-79	03-05-79	5	7475-T73 ITMT	5	28.2	28.2	28.2	2224 ± 2224	54.340	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
03-06-79	03-19-79	5	7149-T73 ITMT	5	28.2	28.2	28.2	2224 ± 2224	34.118	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG C
03-20-79	04-09-79	6	7075-T73	6	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	51.523	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG E
04-17-79	04-28-79	6	7475-T73 ITMT	6	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	22.924	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG D
04-09-79	04-16-79	6	7149-T73 ITMT	6	28.2	28.2	28.2	2447 ± 2447	15.986	FAILURE: CRACK THROUGH LUG D

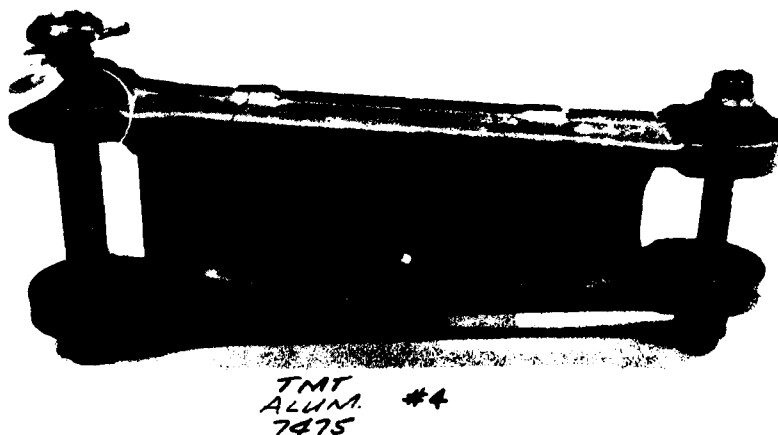
NOTES: 1. TEST LOADS APPLIED AT 30 HERTZ IN AIR ENVIRONMENT AT AMBIENT ROOM TEMPERATURE.  
 2. INITIAL TORQUE VALUE 19.8 NEWTON-METER (175 INCH-LB) INCREASED DURING TEST TO 28.2 NEWTON-METER (250 INCH-LB) TO PREVENT BUSHING FLANGE FAILURES.  
 3. INITIAL TORQUE VALUE 16.9 NEWTON-METER (150 INCH-LB) INCREASED DURING TEST TO 28.2 NEWTON-METER (250 INCH-LB) TO PREVENT BUSHING FLANGE FAILURES.  
 4. BOLTS TORQUED WITH THREADS LUBRICATED





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Figure 7. Failure Mode Exhibited by Drive Scissors Arm Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 4 of 7075-T73 Material



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Figure 8. Failure Mode Exhibited by Drive Scissors Arm Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 4 of 7475-T73 ITMT Material

Damage tolerance data was not obtained on these specimens since the crack extension at the time of failure detection was too great. Meaningful comparative data could not be practically obtained in the short remaining crack propagation life. In addition, these specimens exhibited a number of different modes/locations of failure which would not allow a simple direct comparison of the damage tolerance characteristics of the three material systems.

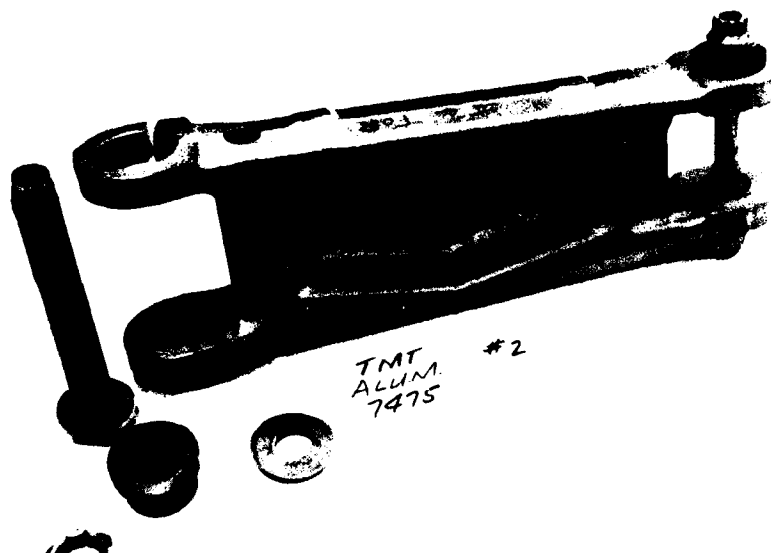
#### LATERAL DIFFERENTIAL BELLCRANK ASSEMBLY

A total of 18 lateral differential bellcrank assembly specimens, six of each of three types of alloy/processing combinations, was bench fatigue tested.

Each specimen was installed in the test fixture which was designed to produce a manner of loading representative of that associated with the aircraft. The bench test setup with a specimen installed is shown in Figure 10. The load was applied to one set of lugs and reacted at the other two sets of lugs. The load application is through a simulated lateral link attachment point while the reactions simulate the rigid link and yoke attachment points in the control system assembly. The reactions are transferred to a backstop-type test fixture which is bolted to the test machine table. Hardware representative of the aircraft was used at the three attachment points associated with the test specimen. The specimen was oriented in a manner representative of a neutral control position on the helicopter. A strain gaged and calibrated load link provided the load input from the servo-controlled hydraulic fatigue test machine to the test specimen.

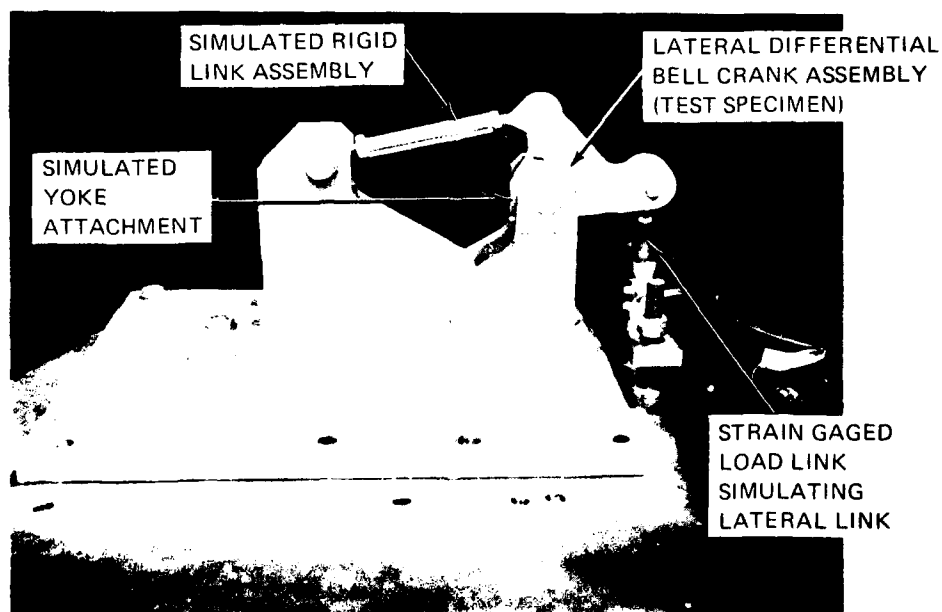
The bench fatigue testing was conducted under constant amplitude loading conditions. At a given load condition, one of each of three types of specimens (7075, 7149, and 7475 aluminum alloys) was tested. Tests were conducted sequentially by load condition with each successive specimen being of a different alloy. The specimens were selected randomly. To minimize the number of test variables, all testing was conducted with the same test fixture on the same test machine. The same personnel were responsible for conducting the entire series of tests. New attaching hardware was utilized with each specimen. The attaching bolts were lubricated with molybdenum disulfide grease and torqued to consistent values. The loading was controlled via the calibrated strain gaged load link and further checked by monitoring pressure and deflection. The steady and alternating loads were measured by an Ellis Associates Model BA-13 Bridge Amplifier as displayed on an oscilloscope. The test fatigue load frequency was a constant 25 Hertz. The testing was accomplished in a laboratory air environment at ambient room temperatures during the time period from 15 October 1978 to 25 May 1979.

The data resulting from the bench fatigue tests of the lateral differential bellcrank assemblies is summarized in Table 5.



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Figure 9. Failure Mode Exhibited by Drive Scissors Arm Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 2 of 7475-T73 ITMT Material



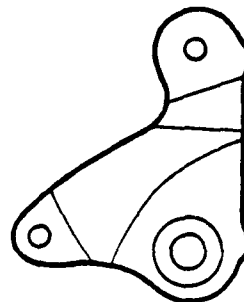
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Figure 10. Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Bench Fatigue Test Setup

Table 5. Summary of Test Data From Bench Fatigue Tests of Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assemblies

TEST DATE START - END	SPECIMEN NO.	DESCRIPTION SERIAL NO. ALLOY/CONDITION	APPLIED LOAD, NEWTONS (LB)	CYCLES x 10 <sup>5</sup>	REMARKS
10-24-78	1	7075-T73	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	5.045	RUNOUT
10-15-78	1	7475-T73 ITMT	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	5.036	RUNOUT
11-13-78	1	7149-T73 ITMT	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	5.062	RUNOUT
11-06-78	1	7075-T73	4609 ± 12789 (1036 ± 2875)	0.144	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
11-07-78	1	7475-T73 ITMT	4609 ± 12789 (1036 ± 2875)	3.188	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
11-15-78	1	7149-T73 ITMT	4609 ± 12789 (1036 ± 2875)	1.736	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
11-17-78	2	7075-T73	4328 ± 12011 (973 ± 2700)	8.244	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
11-28-78	2	7475-T73 ITMT	4328 ± 12011 (973 ± 2700)	8.230	SECONDARY CRACKING OF LUG AT C
12-05-78	2	7149-T73 ITMT	4328 ± 12011 (973 ± 2700)	4.743	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A AND ONE LUG AT B
12-19-78	3	7075-T73	5129 ± 14235 (1153 ± 3200)	6.241	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A AND ONE LUG AT B
01-12-79	3	7475-T73 ITMT	5129 ± 14235 (1153 ± 3200)	1.811	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A AND ONE LUG AT B
01-15-79	3	7149-T73 ITMT	5129 ± 14235 (1153 ± 3200)	2.867	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A AND TWO LUGS AT B
01-25-79	4	7075-T73	4008 ± 11121 (901 ± 2500)	8.184	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
02-06-79	4	7475-T73 ITMT	4008 ± 11121 (901 ± 2500)	6.180	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
02-13-79	4	7149-T73 ITMT	4008 ± 11121 (901 ± 2500)	8.060	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
02-22-79	5	7075-T73	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	56.441	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT B
04-02-79	5	7475-T73 ITMT	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	32.319	SECONDARY CRACKING OF LUG AT C
04-23-79	5	7149-T73 ITMT	3688 ± 10231 (829 ± 2300)	25.287	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A AND ONE LUG AT B
05-08-79	6	7075-T73	3848 ± 10676 (865 ± 2400)	9.108	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
05-16-79	6	7475-T73 ITMT	3848 ± 10676 (865 ± 2400)	4.884	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A
05-21-79	6	7149-T73 ITMT	3848 ± 10676 (865 ± 2400)	5.930	FAILURE, CRACKING OF ONE LUG AT A

LUG PAIR B



LUG C LUG PAIR A

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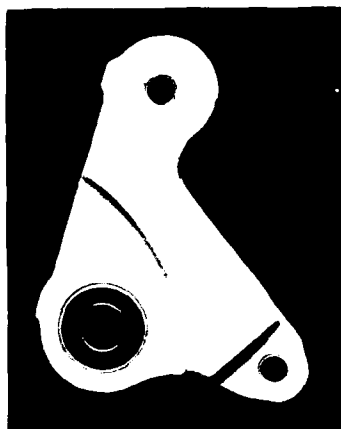
NOTES: 1. TEST LOAD APPLIED AT 25 HERTZ IN AIR ENVIRONMENT AT AMBIENT ROOM TEMPERATURE.

2. BOLTS TORQUED AT FOLLOWING VALUES:  
LUG A 56.5 NEWTON-METER (500 INCH-LB)  
LUG B 56.5 NEWTON-METER (500 INCH-LB)  
LUG C 11.3 NEWTON-METER (100 INCH-LB)
3. BOLTS TORQUED WITH THREADS LUBRICATED.

Various modes of failure of these test specimens are shown in Figures 11 through 14. Typically the cracks started at the interface between the aluminum lug bore and the bushing which is installed in the lug bore.

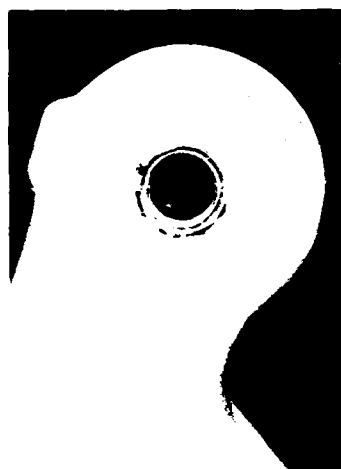
Damage tolerance information, in the form of fatigue crack growth data, was obtained on three bellcrank assembly specimens, one of each of the three alloy/processing combinations. The crack growth data was obtained utilizing the same test fixture and setup arrangement as that used for the basic fatigue testing. The fatigue crack growth testing setup is shown in Figure 15. The fatigue cracks were monitored visually and their length and the corresponding number of loading cycles were recorded. The cracks were monitored with the aid of a strobe light while the specimen was being dynamically loaded. Dye penetrant (Type MIL-I-25135, Spotcheck SLK-HF Penetrant by Magnaflux Corporation) was used as an aid in following the cracks. The resulting data is summarized in Table 6.





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A. OVERALL VIEW OF  
TEST SPECIMEN AFTER  
FATIGUE TESTING



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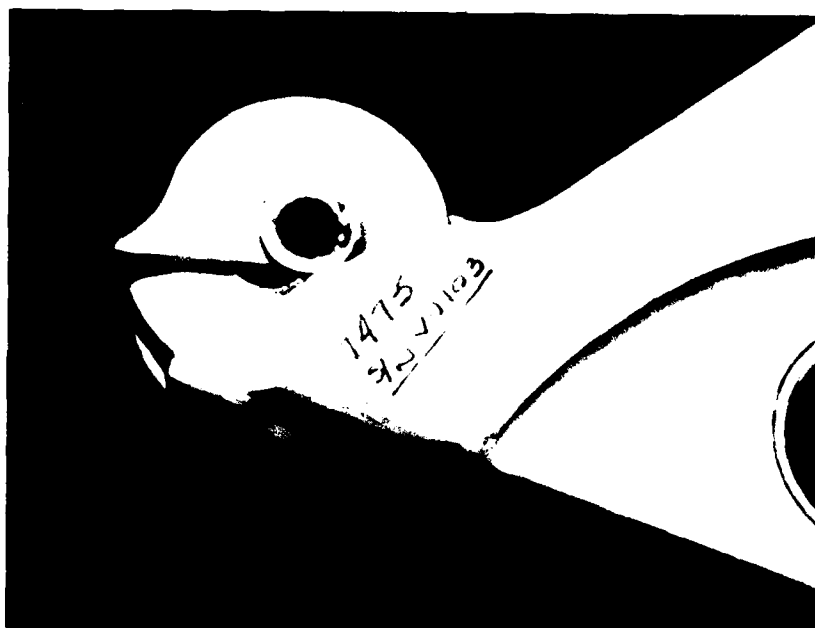
B. CLOSE-UP VIEW OF  
LUG WITH FATIGUE  
CRACK



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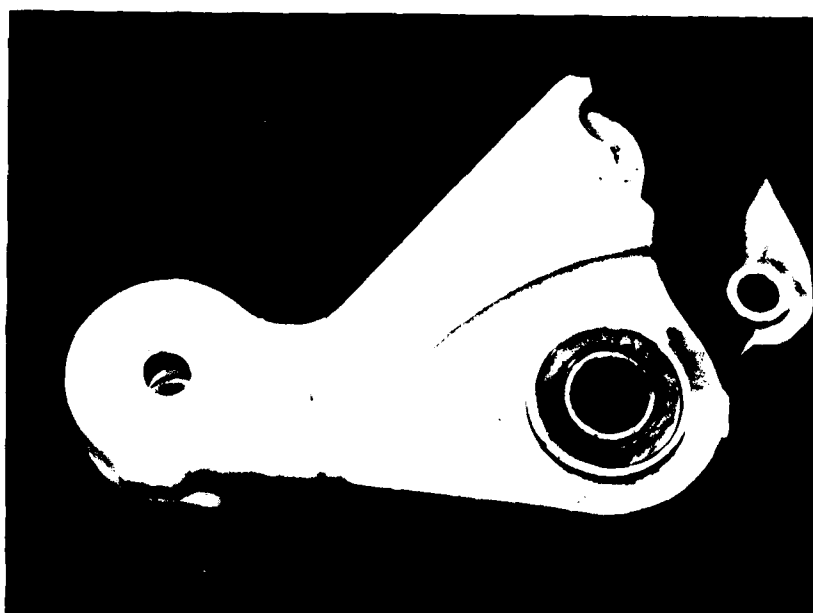
C. SECTIONAL VIEW OF  
LUG FRACTURE SURFACE

Figure 11. Failure Mode Exhibited by Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 1 of 7075-T73 Material



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Figure 12. Failure Mode Exhibited by Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 1 of 7475-T73 ITMT Material



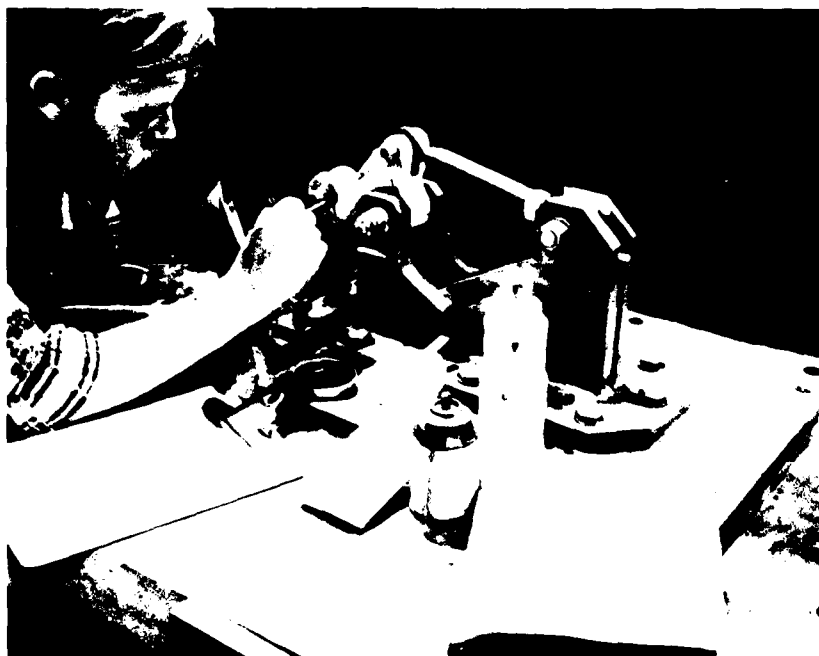
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Figure 13. Failure Mode Exhibited by Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 2 of 7149-T73 Material



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Figure 14. Failure Mode Exhibited by Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Fatigue Test Specimen Number 4 of 7475-T73 ITMT Material



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Figure 15. Test Setup for Measuring Fatigue Crack Propagation Data on Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly

# Summary of Typical Fatigue Crack Growth Data Obtained From Testing Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly Specimens

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## TASK VIII ANALYZE AND EVALUATE DATA

The objectives of this task are to analyze and evaluate the test data developed in the previous tasks and to assess the impact on the weight and cost of helicopter components due to any improved mechanical properties which might be realized.

### BENCH FATIGUE TEST DATA ANALYSIS

Several comparisons have been made based on the bench fatigue test data which was obtained on the drive scissors arm and bellcrank assemblies. The comparisons include:

- Relative fatigue strengths of the three alloy/processing combinations based on nominal data.
- Relative fatigue strengths of the three alloy/processing combinations considering failure modes.
- Relative fatigue strengths of the components and most applicable coupon data from Phase I of the program described in Reference 1.
- Relative fatigue strengths of the components tested in this program and previously tested components of the same configuration but of a different alloy.

### Comparison of Nominal Data

Initial comparisons were made using the nominal data summarized in Tables 4 and 5. For each of the components, an L-N (Load versus number of cycles) plot of the bench fatigue test data was prepared.

The L-N data for the drive scissors arm assembly specimens is shown in Figure 16. The number of cycles to failure was established as that point where sufficient cracking or loss of stiffness had occurred to cause the specimen deflection to exceed a preset limit value which automatically shut off the fatigue test machine. Figures 7 through 9 show typical failure modes at the point of test machine shut off. As indicated previously, the test was arranged such that at each applied test load level, three specimens, one of each alloy/processing combination, were tested. The alloys of the specimens surviving for the longest and shortest number of cycles at each load level are summarized below:

Load Level Number (Arbitrarily in Descending Order)	Alloy of Specimen Surviving	
	Least No. of Cycles	Most No. of Cycles
1	7149-T73 ITMT	7475-T73 ITMT
2	7475-T73 ITMT	7075-T73
3	7475-T73 ITMT	7149-T73 ITMT
4	7075-T73	7075-T73
5	7149-T73 ITMT	N/A

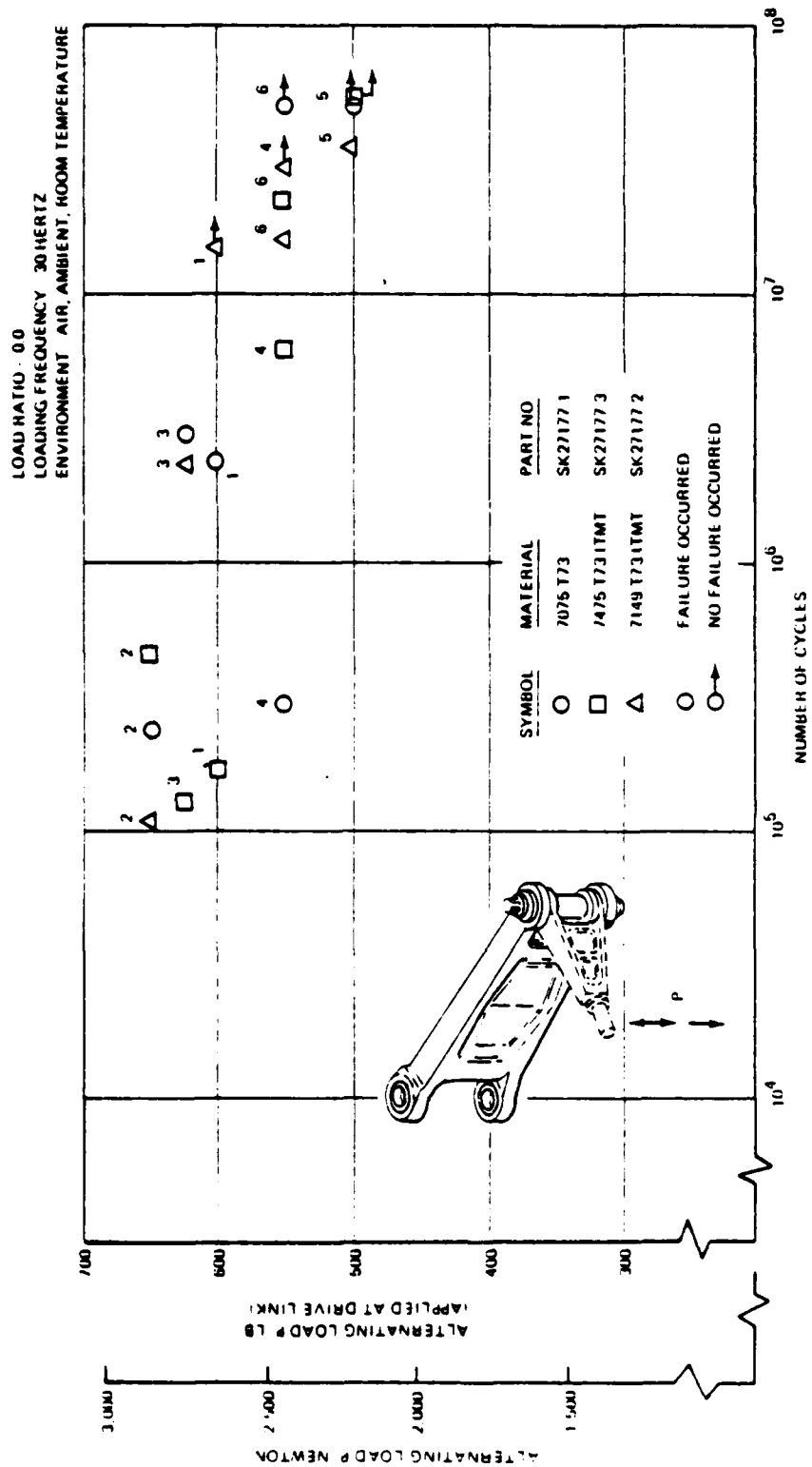


Figure 16. Plot of L-N Data for Drive Scissors Arm Assembly

A review of the above summary and the plot of Figure 16 indicates no significant differences in the fatigue strength performance of the three alloy/processing combinations based on the nominal data.

The L-N data for the lateral differential bellcrank assembly specimens is shown in Figure 17. The number of cycles to failure was established as that point at which cracking was first observed. Failures in these specimens occurred at lugs and the possibility for load sharing between the two lugs of the pair made it impractical to use deflection as a criterion for failure. Figures 11 through 14 show typical failure modes at the point of test completion. As described previously, a summary of the alloys of the specimens surviving for the longest and shortest number of cycles at each load level is shown below.

Load Level Number (Arbitrarily in Descending Order)	Alloy of Specimen Surviving	
	Least No. of Cycles	Most No. of Cycles
1	7475-T73 ITMT	7075-T73
2	7075-T73	7475-T73 ITMT
3	7149-T73 ITMT	7075-T73
4	7475-T73 ITMT	7075-T73
5	7475-T73 ITMT	7075-T73
6	7149-T73 ITMT	7075-T73

A review of the above summary and the plot of Figure 17 indicates that, generally, the 7075-T73 specimens are exhibiting longer fatigue life. However, a 7075-T73 specimen had one of the shortest fatigue lives. In view of this and the general scatter of data, it is concluded that the fatigue strength of any one of the alloy/processing combinations is not significantly superior to that of the others.

#### Comparison Based on Failure Modes

The second series of comparisons addresses the differences in failure modes. In general, the two types of components exhibited different failure modes. The failures of the drive scissors arm assembly specimens started at various locations with differing effective stress concentrations but without the influence of fretting. Fretting is defined as the phenomenon which takes place when two surfaces in contact experience slight repeated relative movement, even though the movement may be microscopic. In any case, the combined action of the fretting mechanism and repeated stress application results in fatigue damage (cracking) of a member. This damage is known as fretting fatigue. Note the design of the drive scissors arm assembly is such that the bushings at the attachment lugs are coated on the outside diameter with a non-metallic material which prevents fretting by eliminating the metal to metal contact between the steel bushing and the aluminum lug bore surface of the drive arm.

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 LOADING FREQUENCY 25 HERTZ  
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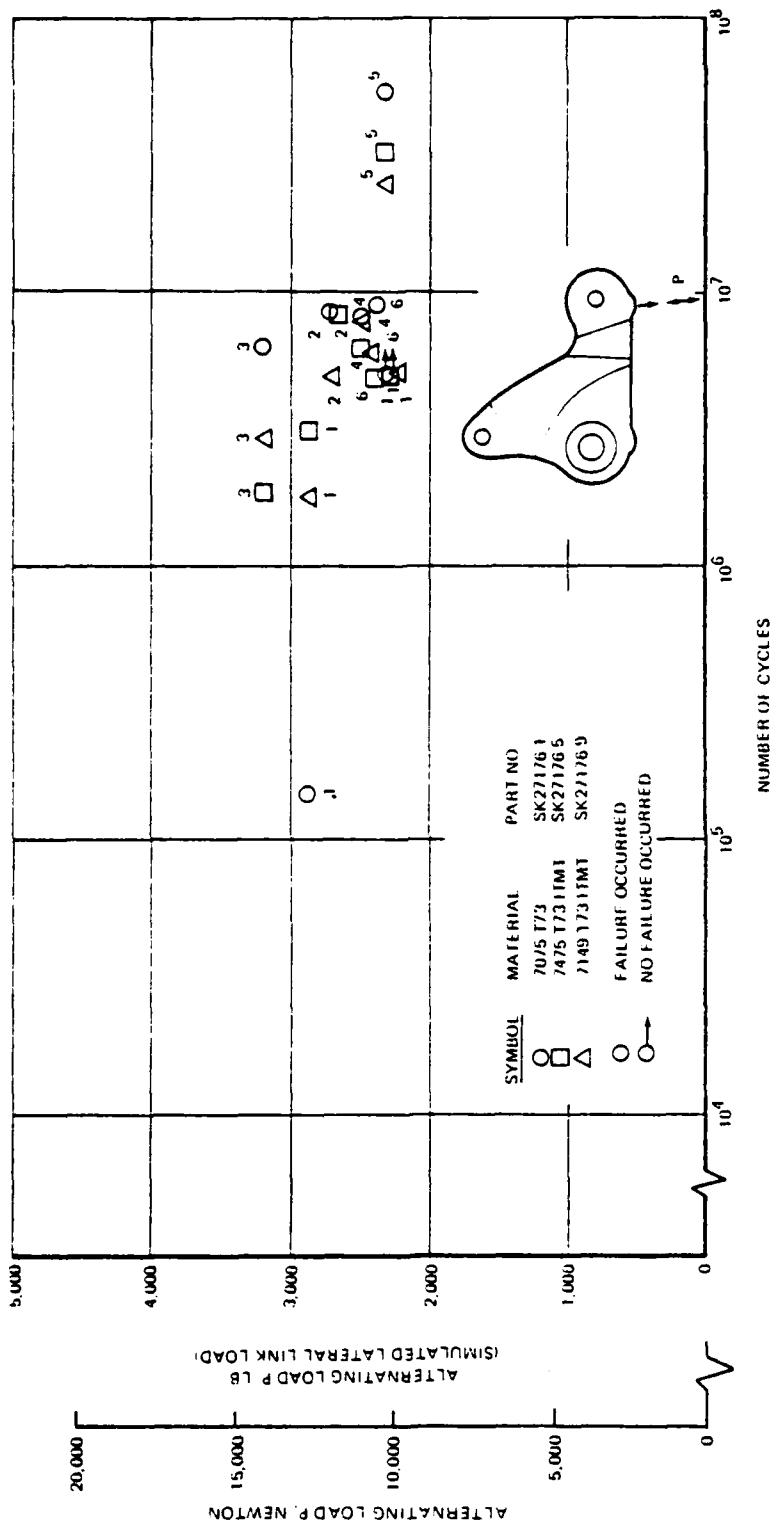


Figure 17. Plot of L-N Data for Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly



By contrast, the failures of the bellcrank assembly specimens were generally associated with fretting. The fretting originated at the lugs, involving the metal to metal interface between the outside surface of a steel bushing or bearing and the aluminum bellcrank. Thus, in general, the failures of the drive scissor arm could be categorized as "notched (associated with a stress concentration) and unfretted", while those of the bellcrank could be categorized as "notched and fretted".

In the case of the drive scissors arm assembly, a review of Table 4 indicates that somewhat more than one half the failures occurred in the basic body section of the arm as opposed to the lugs. Figure 18 shows a plot of L-N data for the body section only. In this case, it is seen that no body section failures occurred in specimens of the 7149-T73 ITMT material. The specimens of the 7475-T73 ITMT and 7075-T73 materials show almost the same average fatigue strength with respect to failures in the body section. The fatigue origins associated with the body section failures occurred at varied locations, such as section transitions, adjacent to tooling pads, or associated with part marking. Failures originating in the lug areas occurred only on the specimens of the 7149-T73 ITMT and 7475-T73 ITMT materials. Lug failures occurred most frequently in specimens of the 7149-T73 ITMT material.

For the lateral differential bellcrank assembly specimens, the predominant failure location was one of the lugs of lug pair A as indicated in Table 5. Figure 19 shows a plot of L-N data for the lug pair A location only. The differences between the plots of Figures 19 and 17 are minor and the initial conclusions hold.

#### Comparison of Component and Coupon Data

Figures 20 through 23 provide a general comparison of the relative fatigue performance of the 7075-T73 and 7475-T73 ITMT materials as coupon and as component specimens. Figures 20 and 21 were selected from Reference 1 as being the most applicable coupon fatigue data for comparison with the component data. The 7475-TMT 1 material cited in Figures 20 and 21 was determined to be optimally processed and that process was selected for the drive scissors arm and bellcrank component forgings of the 7475 and 7149 alloys. The coupon data is associated with a two-inch thick forging, roughly the size of the components which were tested. The coupon data is for stress concentration factors of 1.0 and 3.0. The stress concentrations associated with the components range from about 1.5 to somewhat greater than 3.0 depending on the particular failure location. In the case of the bellcrank failures which were associated with fretting, there is no direct comparison which can be made with the coupon data. The similarity of stress ratios for coupon and component data is quite close for the drive scissors arm assembly specimens (+0.05 vs 0.0) but only roughly comparable for the bellcrank specimens. In Figures 22 and 23, the component data are identical to Figures 16 and 17 respectively, except that the 7149 data has been removed and symbol changes have been made so that comparisons may be made with greater ease. Comparisons based on the relative fatigue strengths of the two alloy/processing combinations do not appear significantly different between coupons and components. The fact that the relative

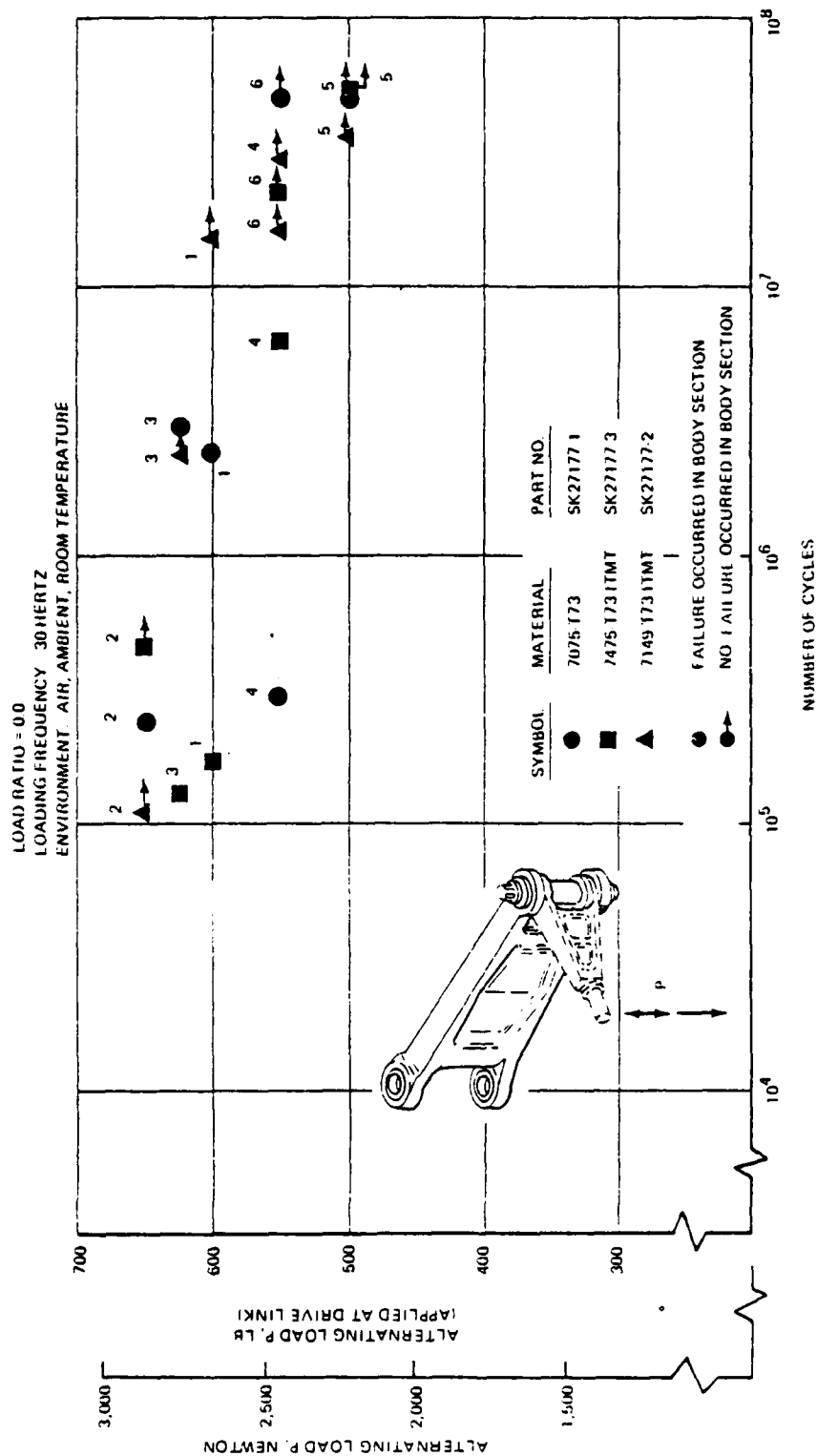


Figure 18. Plot of L-N Data for Drive Scissors Arm Assembly Body Section

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 LOADING FREQUENCY: 25 HERTZ  
 ENVIRONMENT: AIR, AMBIENT, ROOM TEMPERATURE

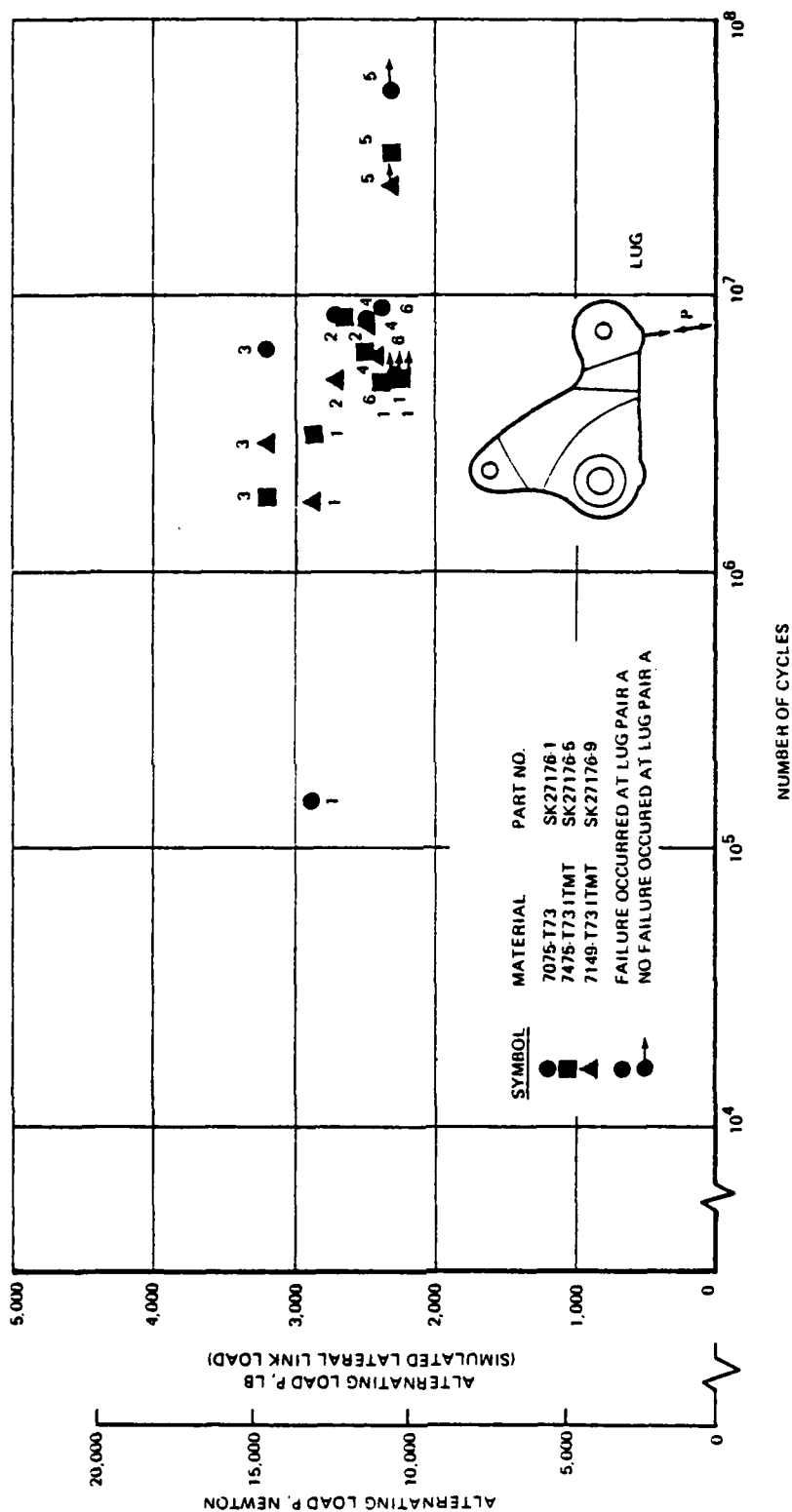


Figure 19. Plot of L-N Data for Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly, Lug Pair A Location

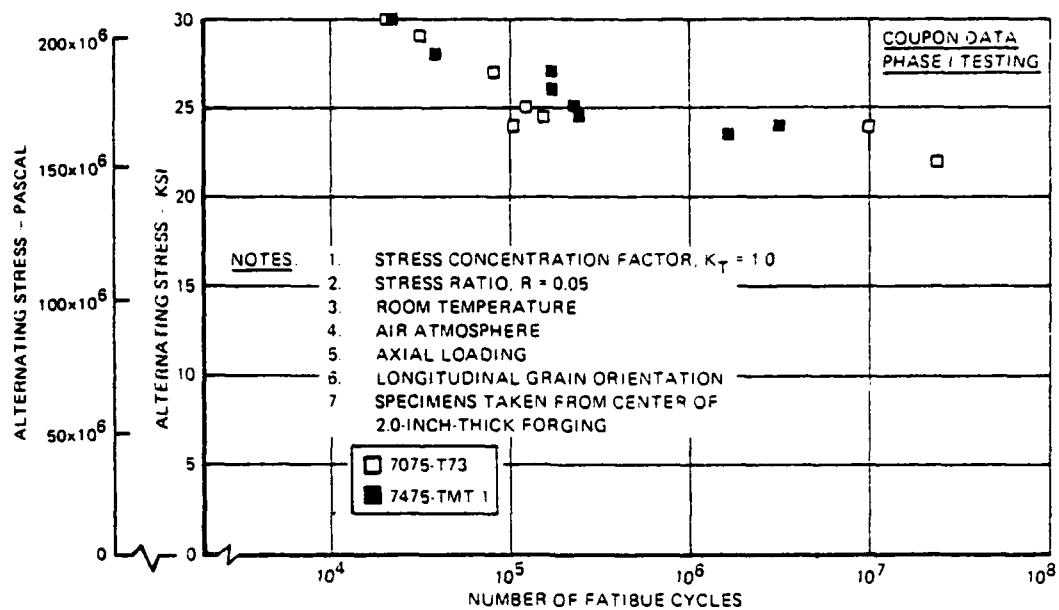


Figure 20. Comparison of Fatigue Strengths for 7075-T73 and 7475-TMT1 Forgings, Groups 3 and 10 (From Reference 1).

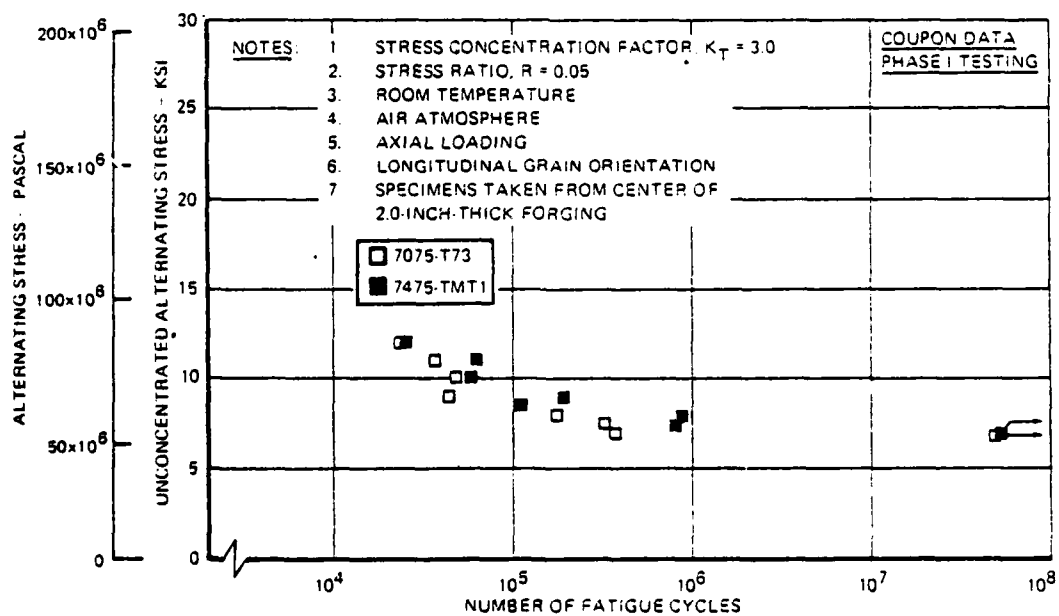


Figure 21 Comparison of Fatigue Strengths for 7075-T73 and 7475-TMT1 Forgings, Groups 4 and 13 (From Reference 1).

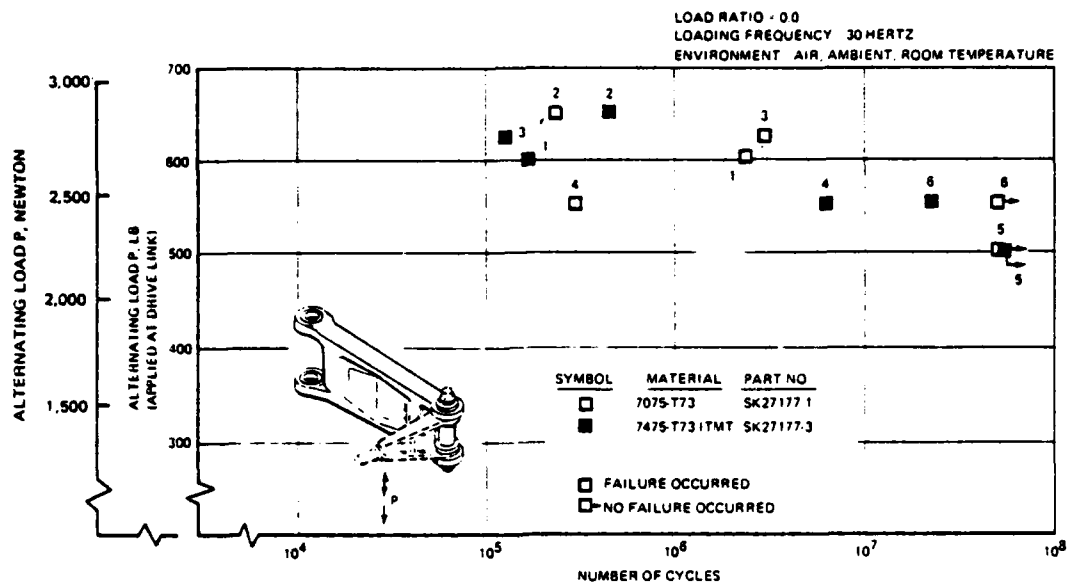


Figure 22. Plot of L-N Data for Drive Scissors Arm Assembly Specimens of 7075-T73 and 7475-T73 ITMT Materials

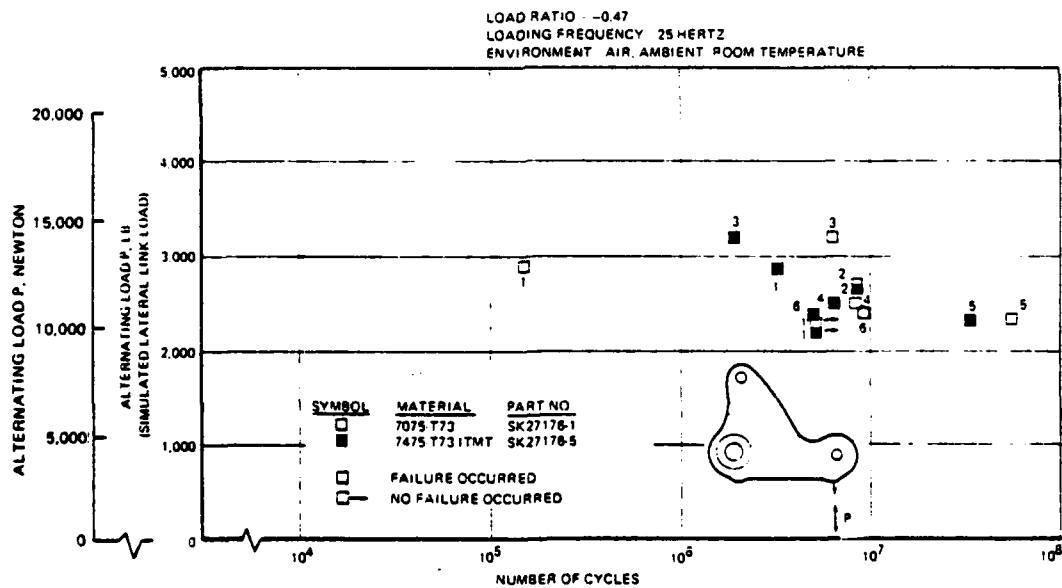


Figure 23. Plot of L-N Data for Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly Specimens of 7075-T73 and 7475-T73 ITMT Materials

strengths of the two alloy/processing combinations are similar in both coupon and components is considered significant. Referring to the results of Phase I coupon testing presented in Reference 1, it is noted that the significant fatigue strength improvements associated with the TMT processing occurred for thick sections (specimens from a 170mm (6.7-inch) thick forging) and a short transverse grain orientation. In general, the two helicopter components which were tested in this program were not critical with respect to those parameters (thicknesses as great as 152mm (6 inches) or critical stresses in the short transverse direction). Since, for similar conditions, the relative strengths determined from coupon tests and component tests were similar, it expected that the ITMT process applied to thick forgings with critical stresses in the short transverse direction would exhibit a higher fatigue strength than a conventionally processed forging of the same configuration.

#### Comparison With Components of Another Alloy

The fatigue strength performance of the helicopter dynamic system components tested in this program have been compared against previously tested components of the same configuration but of a different alloy.

Figure 24 presents a comparison of fatigue strength performance for the drive scissors arm assembly. The data points obtained in this program from the 7XXX-Series aluminum alloy specimens are shown. Also shown is the scatter band of data from previously tested drive scissors arm assembly specimens fabricated from 2014-T6 aluminum alloy forgings. The scatter band shown was based on tests of six specimens and was developed from the data contained in References 2 and 3. The comparison is presented to show data trends only and is not valid for making a rigorous direct comparison because of certain differences in design details. The specimens fabricated from the 2014-T6 material had certain features which acted as stress risers and were deleted from the specimens fabricated from the 7XXX-Series alloys. However, within the data scatter band of the 2014-T6 specimens, a number of different failure modes were exhibited, just as was the case with the 7XXX-Series alloy specimens. In some instances, the failure modes and local geometry of certain specimens within the two groups (2014-T6 and 7XXX-Series) are identical, thereby make possible a valid comparison for those limited number of specimens.

Figure 25 presents a comparison of fatigue strength performance for the lateral differential bellcrank assembly. The data points obtained in this program from the 7XXX-Series alloy specimens are shown. Also shown is the scatter band of data from previously tested bellcrank assembly specimens fabricated from 2014-T6 aluminum alloy forgings. The scatter band shown was based on tests of six specimens and was developed from the data contained in Reference 2. A direct valid comparison between the two groups of data can be made since specimen geometry was the same. The 7XXX-Series alloy specimens exhibit a higher average fatigue strength than the 2014-T6 specimens. In the case of the 7XXX-Series alloys specimens, the predominate failure location was lug pair "A" as identified in Table 5. In the case of the 2014-T6 specimens, the predominate failure location was lug pair "B".

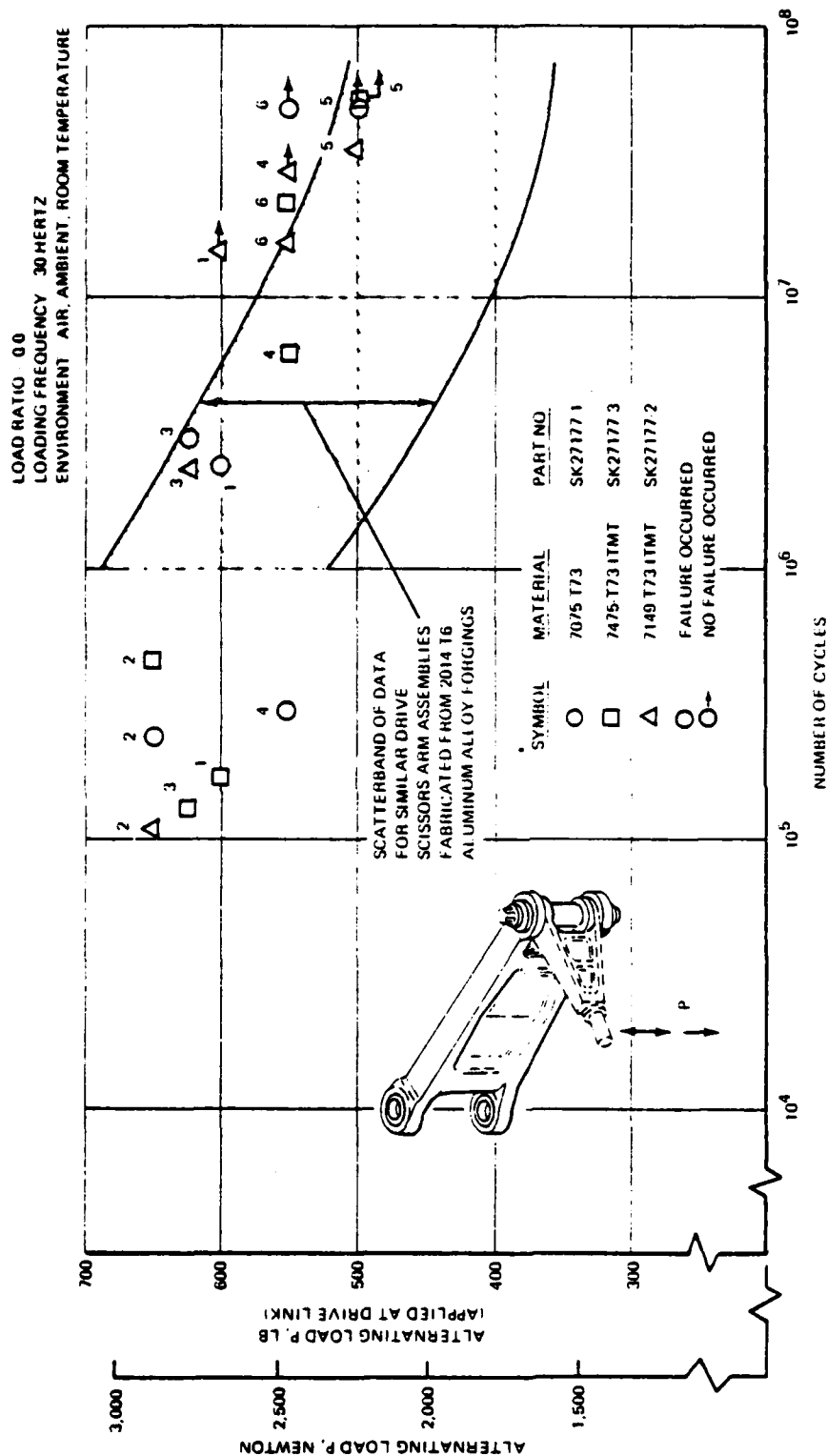


Figure 24. Comparison of Drive Scissors Arm Assembly Fatigue Test  
Data: 7XXX-Series Alloy Specimens Tested in Current  
Program Versus 2014 Alloy Specimens Tested in a Previous  
Program

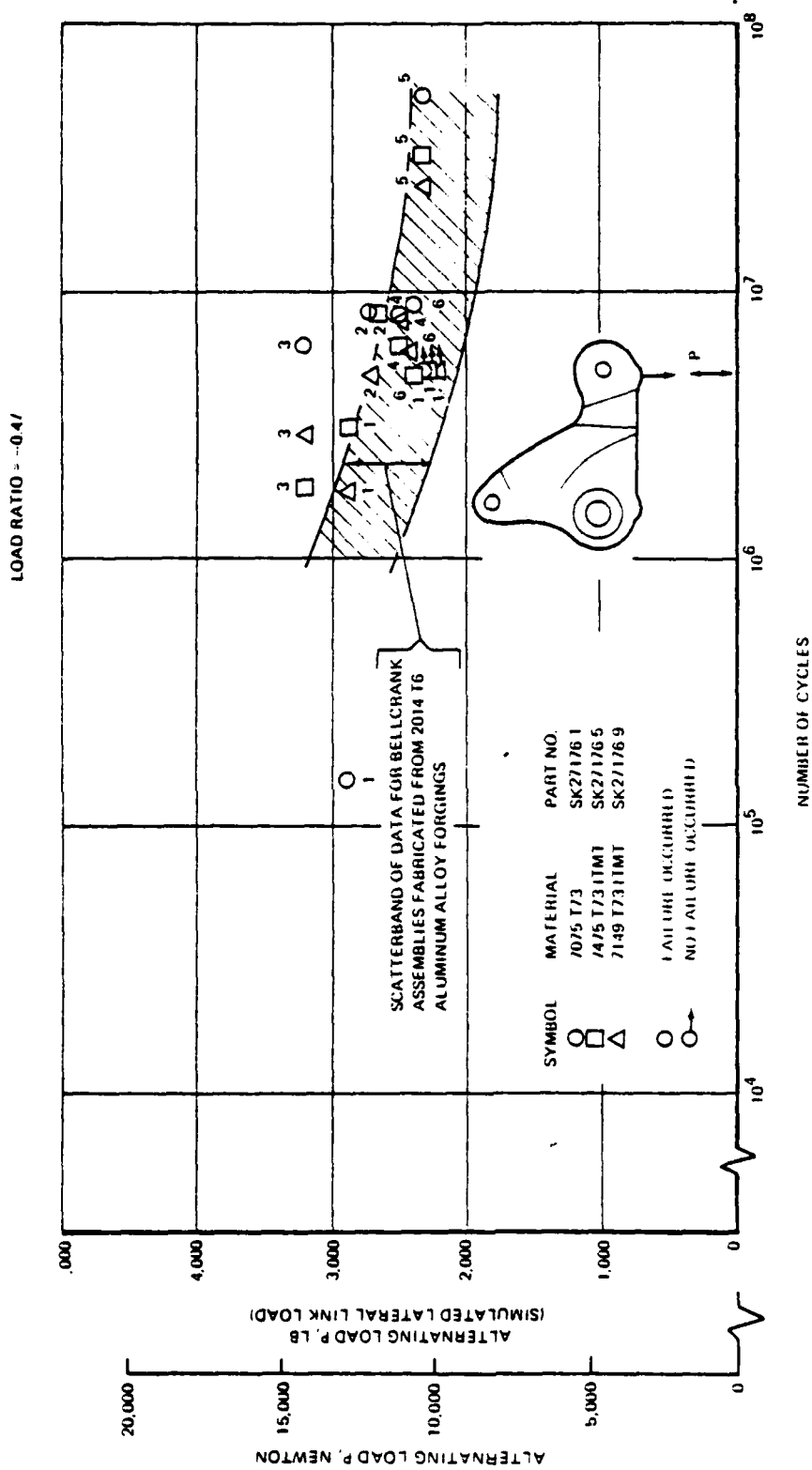


Figure 25. Comparison of Lateral Differential Bellcrank Assembly Fatigue Test Data: 7XXX-Series Alloy Specimens Tested in Current Program Versus 2014 Alloy Specimens Tested in a Previous Program



## DAMAGE TOLERANCE DATA ANALYSIS

The fatigue crack propagation data presented in Table 6 illustrates a number of characteristics associated with the failure mode of bellcrank assembly test specimens. The pattern of cracking, while having some common characteristics, is not identical from specimen to specimen for the same nominal test conditions. The sequence in which the various cracks appear also differs from specimen to specimen. The data shown in Table 6 is for the lug pair A as identified in Table 5. As previously described, the fatigue cracking originates in an area of fretting at the bushing/lug interface. The cracks occur in one of the two lugs of the pair. The nature of the design is such that there is a slight offset of the lugs from the bellcrank body which results in one of the lugs offering a stiffer or more direct load path.

The fatigue cracks originate in the lug providing the more direct load path. As the cracking progresses, the relative percentage of the applied load which is carried by each of the two lugs changes. The lug with the growing crack(s) carries a decreasing percentage of the applied load. In the case of the three specimens shown in Table 6, all specimens were able to withstand the full value of the applied load even after extensive cracking had occurred in one of the two lugs of the pair.

In order to provide a straightforward indication of the relative damage tolerance of the three alloy/processing combinations, it was an initial objective to measure the fatigue crack propagation rates for the three combinations under conditions of identical loading and cracking mode. The fatigue cracking modes (such as presented in Table 6) exhibited by the components do not permit a direct comparison of fatigue crack growth rates to be made. Therefore, the most applicable measure of the damage tolerant characteristics of the three alloy/processing combinations is the fracture toughness and fatigue crack propagation data presented in Reference 1.

## CONCLUSIONS

The objectives of this program were to achieve with intermediate thermal mechanical processing, die forgings of two aluminum alloys with tensile and stress corrosion resistance properties equivalent to conventional 7075-T73 die forging properties but with fatigue and fracture toughness properties twenty percent better than those of conventional 7075-T73 die forgings. Based on the tests and data analyses conducted in this program the following findings have been made:

1. The short transverse tensile and stress corrosion resistance properties of the 7475-T73 ITMT and 7149-T73 ITMT die forgings were found to be equivalent to or greater than those of the 7075-T73 die forgings (Table 3).
2. The fatigue strength of 7475-T73 ITMT and 7149-T73 ITMT die forgings were found to be approximately the same as those of the conventional 7075-T73 die forgings (Figures 16 and 17). It should be noted that the Phase I program coupon testing described in Reference 1 would have predicted essentially the same fatigue performance for the ITMT and conventionally processed forgings in the size range of the components which were tested. The significant increase in fatigue strength related to the ITMT processing per Reference 1 was seen with thick sections and loading in the short transverse grain direction. The components tested in this program did not possess these characteristics; however, the correlation with coupon data which was seen indicates that it is reasonable to expect ITMT processed die forging to exhibit improved fatigue strength for thick forgings with critical stresses in the short transverse grain direction.
3. The fatigue strength exhibited by the 7XXX-Series aluminum alloy forgings tested in this program was equivalent to or greater than that of the 2014-T6 forgings presently utilized for production components.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of this test program indicate that the potential benefits from intermediate thermal mechanical treatment may be very dependent on component configuration. In order to establish the guidelines for determining the instances where the ITMT approach may be cost effective, a two phase approach is recommended. In the initial phase, an in-depth metallurgical and failure modes investigation would be conducted on the coupons and components tested to date in both the program described in Reference 1 and the program described herein. The objective of this program would be the correlation of mechanical properties with metallurgical characteristics. Contingent on the findings of that program, it is recommended that an aircraft component, selected for potential properties improvement by the ITMT process, be fabricated for side-by-side test evaluation with a conventionally forged aluminum component. At the present time, it would appear that the candidate component would involve thick sections with critical stresses in the short transverse grain direction.

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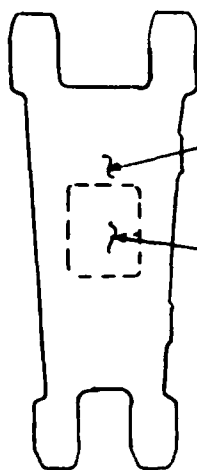
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## APPENDIX A

### COMPONENT DRAWINGS

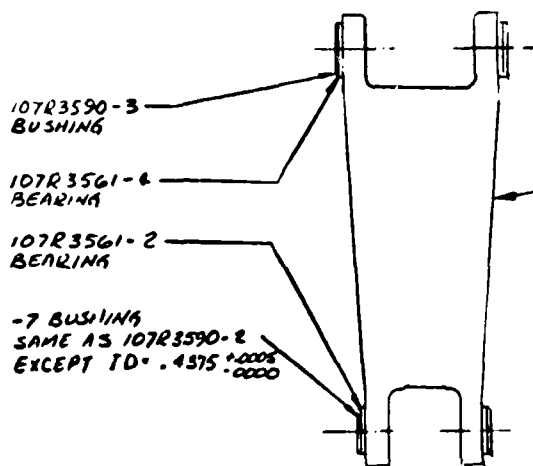
Figures A1, A2, A3, and A4 present the detailed dimensional information pertinent to the test components evaluated in this program. Figures A1 and A3 show the modifications made to the standard production version of the drive scissors arm assembly and the lateral differential bellcrank assembly respectively. The basic production configurations of these components are shown in Figures A2 and A4.



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Figure A1. Drawing SK27177, Arm Assembly, Improved Helicopter  
Component Forgings

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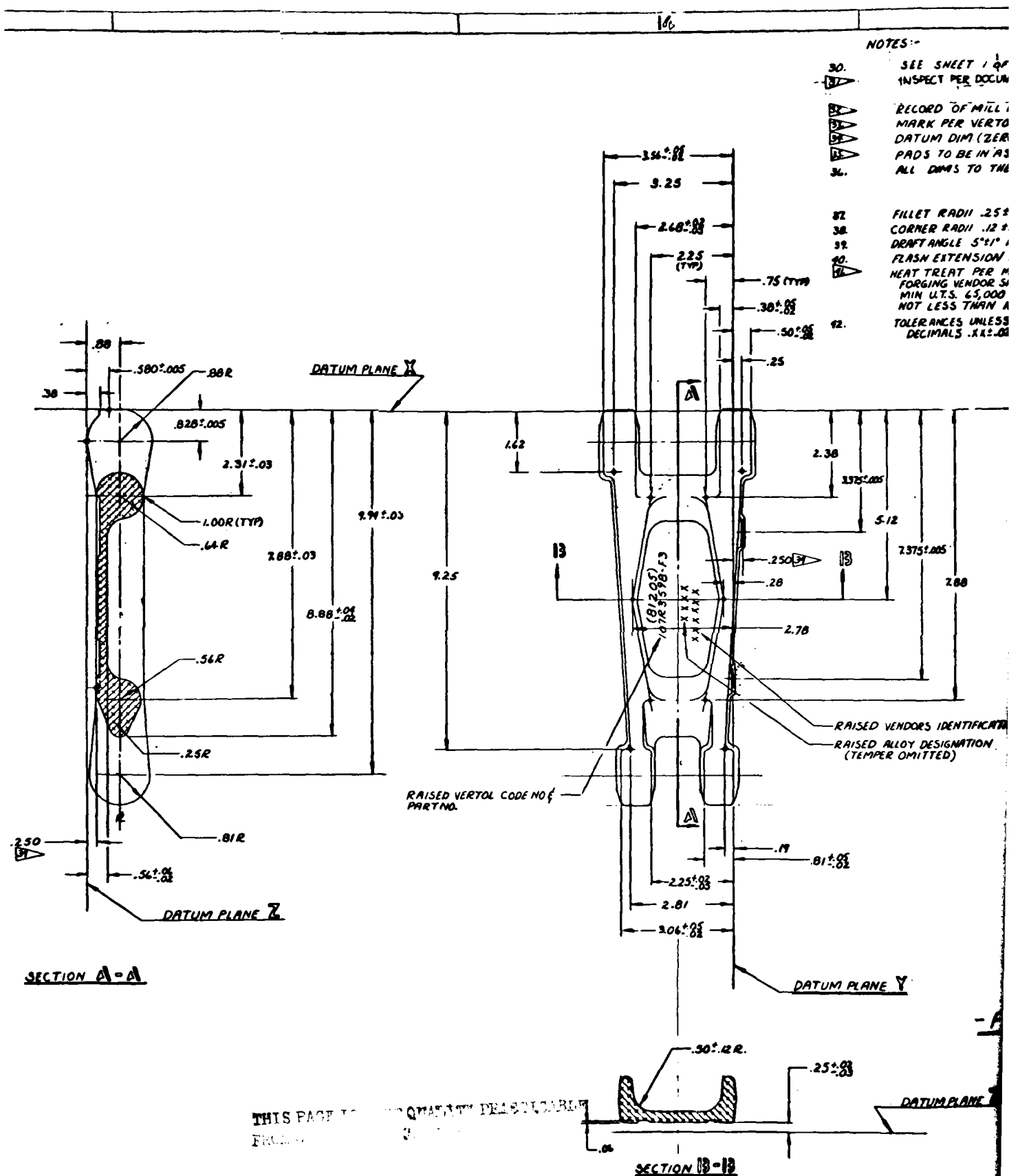


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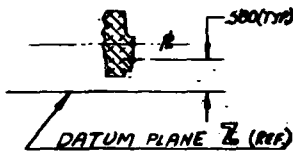
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  - e) ALLOW TO DRY FOR 12 HOURS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE OR HEAT ASSEMBLY TO 180° ± 10°F IN AN AIR OVEN FOR THIRTY (30) MINUTES
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7. MATERIAL SUBSTITUTION AND EQUIVALENTS PER DB-0427.
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**Figure A2. Drawing 107R3598, Drive Scissors Arm Assembly, Upper Rotor Controls (Sheet 3 of 3)**

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- 2 MACHINING OF THIS PART TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT OF -12 FROM 107C2652.
- 3 THIS ASSY. IS TO USE THE IDENTICAL HARDWARE AS CALLED FOR IN A -11 ASSY. FROM DWG 107C2652.
- 4 HEAT TREAT RAW FORGING TO TEMPER T73 PER MIL-H-6088.
- 5 HEAT TREAT RAW FORGING TO TEMPER T73 PER ALCOA SPEC.
- 6 ALL FABRICATION PROCESSES, FINISHES AND STANDARDS TO BE PER DWG 107C2652 (-11, -12 & -F13). BOTH GENERAL NOTE COLUMNS TO BE APPLICABLE EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

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Figure A3. Drawing SK27176, Lateral Differential Bellcrank  
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- 52. PADS SHALL BE AS FORGED-NO GRINDING PERMITTED.
- 53. MARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERTOL SPEC MS1301 GROUP I.
- 54. RECORDS OF MELT+HEAT TREATMENT SHALL BE FURNISHED VERTOL AIRCRAFT CORP.
- 55. ALL CORNER RADII TO BE  $J9 \pm .03$  EXCEPT AS NOTED.
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- 57. MAXIMUM FLASH EXTENSION TO BE .03.
- 58. CORNER RADII ON PADS TO BE  $.12 \pm .03R$ . FILLET RADII AT PADS TO BE  $.12 \pm .03R$ .
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- 60. INSPECT RAW FORGING PER VERTOL SPEC MS 14.08 FOLLOWED BY FLUORESCENT PENETRANT INSPECTION PER SPEC. MIL-I-6866.
- 61. 107C2652-F13 FORGING IS TO BE STRUCK FROM THE 107C2652-F6 DIE.
- 62. HEAT TREAT RAW FORGING TO TEMPER  $T_6$  (62,000 PSI UTS MIN) PER MIL-H-6088. FORGING SHALL BE QUENCHED IN HOT WATER NOT LESS THAN  $160^\circ F$ .
- 63. FOR-F13 ONLY. INSPECT PER DOCUMENT D-10875.
- 64. FOR -F13 ONLY. REMOVE THE EXISTING RAISED PART NO. 107C2652-F6 AND RAISE ALLOY DESIGNATION ZK60A. GRINDING IS PERMISSIBLE BUT NOT TO EXTEND BELOW THE PARENT FORGED SURFACE. FOR REIDENTIFICATION SEE FIELD OF DRAWING.

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107C2652-11			BELLCRANK ASSY (AFT)						
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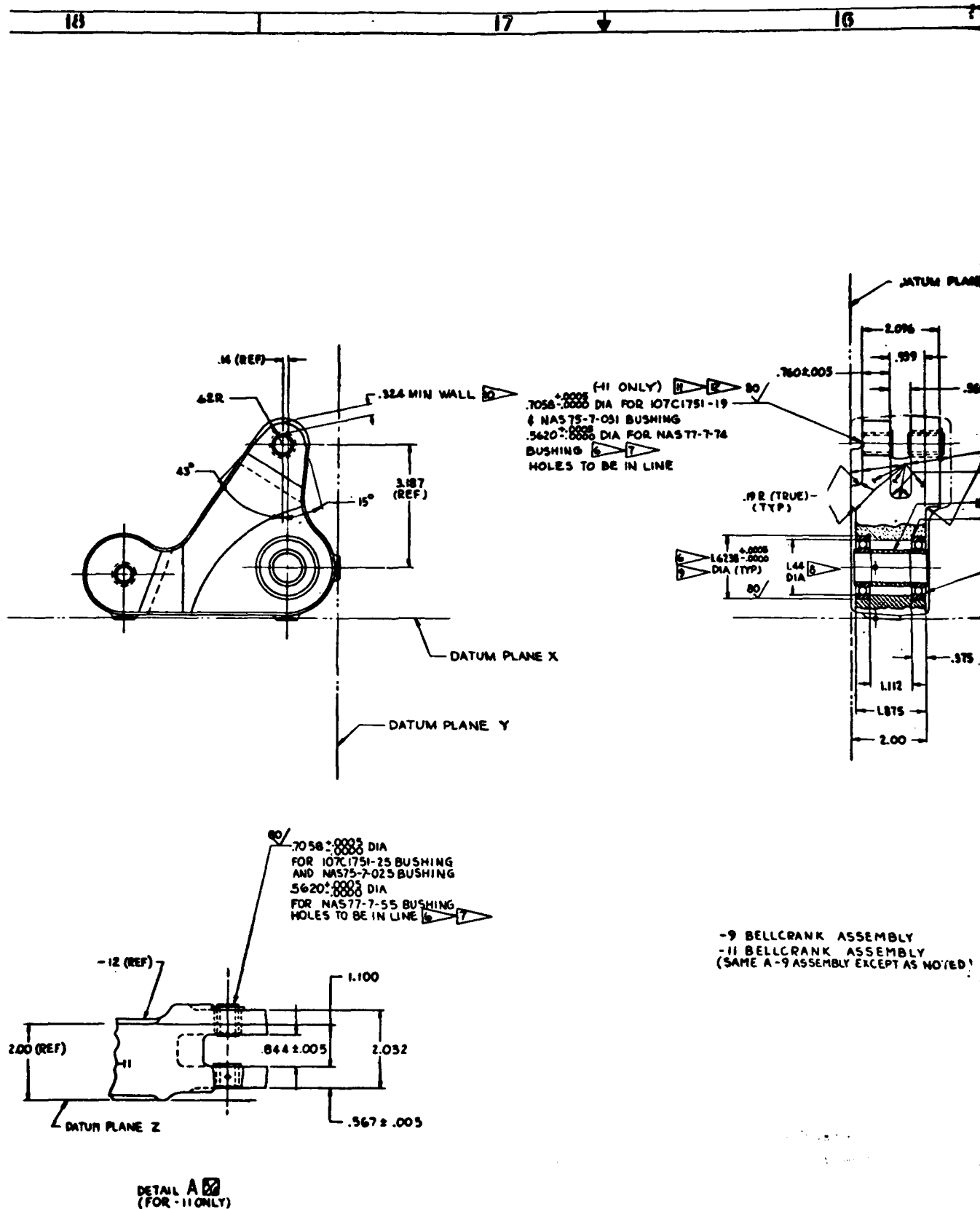


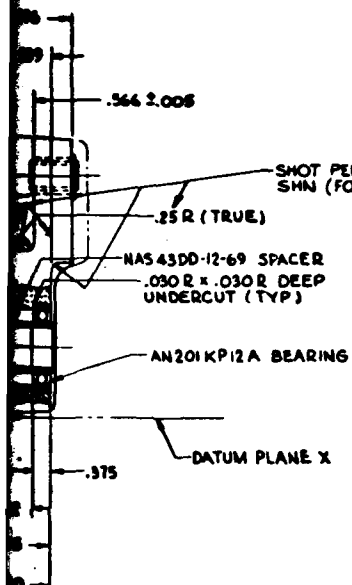
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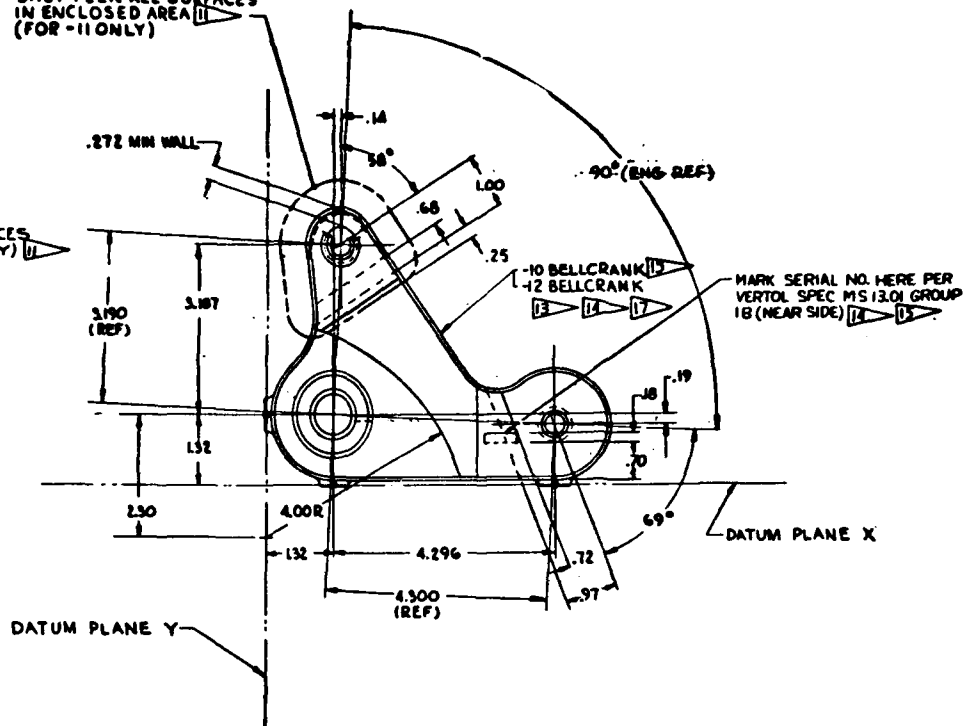
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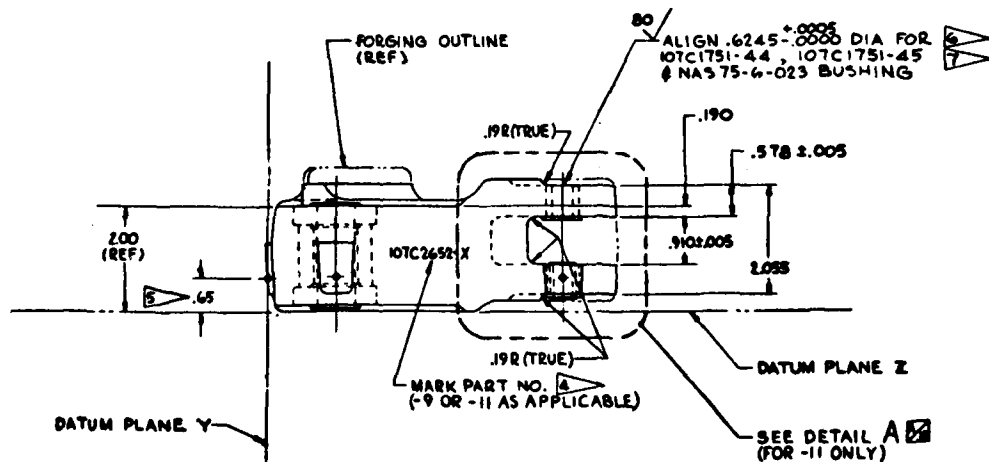
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